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## REPORT OF THE BOARD

### *To the Commissioner of Education.*

In accordance with the provisions of section 14 of chapter 78 of the General Laws, the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners herewith presents its thirty-eighth report, covering the work of the Division of Public Libraries for the fiscal year December 1, 1926 to November 30, 1927.

### BOOK SERVICE

The first requisite for a library is books. The second is service. With the quality of both the Division of Public Libraries is concerned. It endeavors to influence the choice of books by gifts, loans, lists.

*Gifts.* As reading habits generally are formed in childhood it is essential that the public libraries should contain plenty of the best books for children. Following an annual custom, children's and reference books were last year given to 114 libraries in towns of little wealth and necessarily limited appropriations, and periodicals dealing with library work and book selection to 86 libraries. Book lists and other printed aids to library service have been distributed to libraries both large and small.\*

*Lending Collection.* To supplement its gifts for use of the children, the Board is building up a lending library of books on general subjects for adults. The collection consists of books too expensive or too specialized for the average small library to purchase. During the last year 298 books have been added to this collection and 106 libraries have borrowed 1521 volumes. Nearly fifty per cent of these were books on education lent for teachers and school superintendents. Statistics can only intimate the important service such a collection renders, but combined with an outline of subjects called for they form an interesting commentary on the reading of the people of Massachusetts. The subjects of education, child-training and psychology are in great demand, especially for students in University Extension and other popular courses. Special requests for books or information include such diverse topics as capital punishment, public health nursing, milk and dairying, the pyramids, the history of the chamber of Commerce movement, schools of aviation, the art of writing, gardening. Many of these and similar requests could not be filled from the lending library, but in almost every instance books were borrowed or information obtained from the State Library or the public libraries of Boston, Brookline, Somerville, Waltham, Springfield, and other large cities. The librarian in one of our smallest towns wrote that the summer people

\* See Appendix II.



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were much more interested in the town library this year and she thought it was because she had borrowed books for them through this Division's lending collection. The Board considers this collection to be one of its most important services to the people of the Commonwealth.

*State Certificate Reading.* The lists were first issued six years ago with the hope of offering some incentive to children of small towns and rural communities to read the children's classics. Many libraries and public schools quickly adopted the plan, and while no literary revolution has been effected, it is true that in the towns using these lists the libraries own better books, and the children, attracted perhaps by the certificates, are reading them. A survey made by the Advisory Council on Crime Prevention on ways in which fourteen thousand children in forty cities and towns of the Commonwealth are spending their leisure time, has two questions on reading—one on books, the other on favorite magazines. An analysis shows that in towns where the public libraries are stressing work with children and co-operating fully with the schools, and where either these state lists or similar ones are being used, the children read better books and fewer pernicious magazines than in other towns. This last year 167 town libraries and 15 state and private schools awarded certificates.\*

### PERSONNEL SERVICE

Service has been named as second in importance to books, but it is a very close second. A library may have a splendid collection of books and yet fail to reach its community because of untrained or uninterested service. The Board endeavors to aid in the improvement of library personnel through a registry for librarians, institutes, and lecture courses.

*Registration.* Through its informal registry an effort is made to fill library vacancies with the best-trained people available for the salaries offered. Last year vacancies were few and applicants many, but thirty-four positions were filled. There is an increasing demand for people with college and library school training or their equivalent in experience, and it is becoming almost impossible to place the ordinary high school graduate with little or no experience. Also, there are few opportunities for the college graduate without library training. A questionnaire sent to fifty libraries in the state showed that while all but ten would consider employing untrained college graduates if suitable vacancies should occur, it is seldom that there are such vacancies. As a matter of fact, only two untrained college graduates were placed last year.

*Institutes.* Annual institutes conducted by the Division in different localities offer something of professional spirit and library technic to the untrained librarians in small towns. The institute was held last year at the state normal school in Westfield with an attendance of eighty, representing forty-four cities and towns. The expenses of twenty librarians from villages in the western part of the state were paid by the Board. Since the time accorded to these institutes is limited to three or four days in the spring vacation of the normal school, the subjects discussed are necessarily more inspirational and suggestive than technical. At Westfield, in addition to talks on reference, children's and school work, book buying, and how to get books read, lectures were given on these topics: "The Development of the English Novel" (three hours), "The Spirit of Librarianship," and "Poetry of the Nations." Always, at least one speaker of note addresses the institute.

*Lecture Courses.* Many librarians in the state avail themselves each year of the professional training offered by the summer library school of Simmons College. The Board has in times past paid the tuition of small town librarians to this school. This year it sent three assistants, from Orange, Hudson, and Whitinsville. A comparatively small number only, however, of the library assistants in the state, can afford the time or the money to attend such a school, and how to extend technical and practical courses in library work to the others has long been a problem.

An experiment has been tried this year which may prove a solution. Two lecture courses on library work were arranged by the Division of Public Libraries in cooperation with the Division of University Extension, also under the Department of Education, and offered to those actually employed in public or school libraries.

\* See Appendix II.

University Extension certificates were given to all who successfully passed the examination at the end of each course. As these lectures were held in the Boston Public Library, they were available only to librarians living within commuting distance of Boston, but because of their popularity the suggestion has been made that they be repeated in other cities.

The first course consisted of twelve lectures on "Children's Books; Their Beginning and Development," given in January, February and March by Miss Alice M. Jordan, supervisor of work with children, Boston Public Library. Ninety library workers were enrolled, representing sixty-two public and nine school libraries.

The second course, ten lectures on "Reference Books and Their Use," was held in the Fall. Miss Barbara H. Smith, librarian of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, Gardner, conducted this class which numbered sixty-three from twenty-nine public and five school libraries.

A further analysis of the libraries listed in these two courses shows some interesting figures. Sixteen cities and thirty-three towns—seventeen of the latter with populations of less than 10,000—were represented. Thus, for a nominal fee for each course, these librarians and assistants gained a knowledge of children's and reference books which must be of very great service to them and to their public, and which most of them would have been unable to obtain in any other way.

### FIELD WORK

Work in the field naturally divides itself into two parts: visits to libraries, including conferences with librarians, trustees, teachers and school superintendents, and the reorganization of the small libraries.

*Visits.* Visits are made as requests come for advice on specific problems, such as establishing a branch, remodeling an old building, rearranging present quarters, discarding books and pamphlets of no permanent value, a survey of the library with recommendations for extended service, and similar problems of administration.

As new librarians are appointed in the small towns much advice is requested, and the Field Adviser responds to these calls by spending one or two days outlining simple methods of keeping records, classifying and cataloging, and showing ways of extending book service to the schools and outlying districts.

Definite results from these visits are indicated by a greater use of the library, larger appropriations, and better service in the small towns. This year 176 visits have been made by the Field Adviser and the General Secretary.\*

*Reorganization.* The requests for reorganization, including often a reclassification and recataloging, come from towns whose libraries have been administered by untrained librarians, with many changes of personnel during a period of years. The Division is able to assist materially by sending a cataloger for a limited period to make a new catalog or revise the old one, as the need may be. The methods used are the simplest and instruction is given to make it possible to carry on the work. This reorganization has a more vital effect on the public than the mere mechanical work would imply. It is good publicity and immediately creates a renewed interest in the library. The townspeople realize as never before that the public library has a distinct place in the educational plans of the town and needs adequate support.

One of the interesting pieces of work undertaken this year illustrates what may be accomplished by an enthusiastic organizer. The library, situated in a small, progressive town, was administered for many years by a librarian who was a real lover of books but not of system. For several years her health was failing and she finally had to give up her post. The trustees then realized that much work was necessary to put the library on a business basis. A survey was made at their request and the recommendations were adopted at once. An organizer revised the catalog, rearranged the entire library, instructed a group of volunteers in repairing, made an attractive children's department, and instilled new life into the library. She gave a talk on children's books and held a story hour each week, making arrangements with volunteers to carry it on. She visited the schools, and had groups of children brought to the library for instruction in the use of the

\*See Appendix II.



catalog. A publicity committee was appointed at her suggestion and she outlined definite plans for them to work out.

Similar cases of improved service could be cited to show the result of expert advice in our small towns where funds are not sufficient to employ a trained librarian. For this important work, which requires much experience, the Division has found it necessary to employ temporary workers, since lack of funds has made impossible a much needed full-time assistant to the Field Adviser. This year nine persons have been employed, each of whom happened to be temporarily available, but before the work was finished, in almost every instance a permanent position was offered elsewhere and another temporary person had to complete the task. In two towns three different temporary catalogers were employed, necessitating several lapses in the work. This situation has greatly affected the efficiency of service through the Division and has made it necessary for the Field Adviser to devote a large share of her time to details of reorganization ordinarily carried on by assistants. Aid in various forms of reorganization has been given to 47 libraries; 24 of these included discarding; bookmending instruction was given in nine; the catalog revised in eight.\*

*Schools.* The interest shown by the teachers in the state certificate reading has brought large demands upon the libraries. With limited funds it is often difficult to provide enough books for all the schools. Although recommendations are made constantly to urge librarians to purchase as many books as possible to meet this demand, more books are needed if the certificate reading is to continue to grow.

The outlook in the high schools is encouraging. Forty-four percent of the schools meet the standard set by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the number of books; 106 libraries meet the maximum standard for seating capacity; 43 schools have trained librarians; 84 schools give instruction in the use of the library.

In seven of the nine normal schools there are full-time librarians; five of these are library school graduates. In all the schools except two, instruction is given in the use of the library. The hours of service are above or equal to the standard set by the American Library and the National Education Associations, but the appropriations for books and consequently the book stock are far below that standard. The normal schools at Bridgewater, Hyannis, Lowell, Salem and Westfield are using the state certificate list in connection with the work in English literature. At Westfield a club of pupils, organized by the teacher in English, uses the list as a basis for its program and certificates are presented by the Field Adviser at the end of the school year.

School librarians consult the Division constantly for help in their problems and the Field Adviser visits the school libraries upon request. Thirteen such visits have been made this year. Two Round Table conferences of normal school librarians have been conducted and three meetings of the New England School Library Association attended.

*Institutions.* Visits have been made by the General Secretary to the state prisons at Charlestown, Framingham and Rutland, the state industrial school for boys at Shirley and the Essex County jail at Salem. Books have been selected and purchased at special discount for the three last named institutions, and the libraries at Shirley and Salem have been recataloged and rearranged and suggestions made for getting the institution population interested in reading and study. Plans are under way for organizing a library in the new state prison in Norfolk and a library is already started at the state cancer hospital in the same town.

Books for the use of the staff have been lent to Monson state hospital, the Walter E. Fernald School for the Feeble-minded and the Norfolk prison, and in foreign languages, for the patients, to the Peter Bent Brigham and Massachusetts General hospitals in Boston and the U. S. Naval and Public Health Service hospitals in Chelsea.

*Talks, Exhibits, Publicity.* Talks on the work of the Division or on library work in general were given by the Field Library Adviser at the Boston University School of Education, the Springfield and Somerville public library training classes, the Rhode Island and Cape Cod library clubs, the Institute at Westfield, the American

\* See Appendix II.

Library Association conference at Toronto, a teachers' conference at Warren, a Grange meeting at Halifax, the Woman's Club of Freetown, and over the radio at the WNAC broadcasting station (Shepard's stores). Round Table conferences were conducted at group meetings of the Bay Path and the Old Dartmouth library clubs, and at two conferences of normal school librarians. Talks on the value of good reading were given at Milton, Wayland and the Westfield normal school in connection with the state certificate reading.

The General Secretary spoke on the following subjects: "Books and Reading" at the Jamaica Plain Alliance, Abbot Academy Club of Boston, D.A.R., East Boston, Beverly College Club, the women's clubs of Hull, Rockland, Waban, and Ashland; "The Value of Books" to pupils of the junior high school in Dighton and of three grade schools in Plymouth, and to a neighborhood gathering at Worthington; "The Work of the Division" before the State House Women's Club and the Somerville Public Library training class; "Institution Library Work" at Simmons College School of Library Science; "Subscription Books" to a group of normal school teachers. Three lectures on "The Development of the English Novel" were given at the Westfield Institute and repeated by request at the New Hampshire Library Commission summer school for librarians.

The Division has been represented at all meetings of the various library clubs and local groups of the Commonwealth and at the annual meeting of the American Library Association at Toronto. In all, 47 library meetings have been attended by the Field Adviser and General Secretary. Articles and notes on the public libraries of the Commonwealth have been contributed to the Massachusetts Library Club Bulletin and professional periodicals.

The Field Library Adviser was elected President of the Massachusetts Library Club for 1927-1928, and also serves on the Personal Service Committee of that club. The General Secretary is a member of three national committees of the American Library Association,—Hospitals, Institutions, and War Service Funds.

Exhibits of books, posters, lists and other material illustrating the various phases of the work of the Division were displayed at the convention of the State Federation of Women's Clubs in Swampscott and the Conference of Social Workers at Wellesley College. In connection with Children's Health Week in May, the Division cooperated with the Department of Public Health in mailing suggestions for its observance to the public libraries.

"The Library Mail-bag" made its appearance this year from the office of the Division—a multigraphed sheet containing suggestions or information useful to the small libraries and mailed to them. Three numbers have been issued. A new folder indicating the service of the Division has been printed and several lists of books on various subjects multigraphed and mailed to the libraries of the Commonwealth.

## FOREIGN WORK

*Developing Interest through Meetings, Publicity, and Exhibits.* Well attended Round Table meetings on the reading of the foreign-born were held at the Northampton and Springfield libraries in cooperation with the Division of Public Libraries, for librarians, Americanization teachers and representatives of other interested agencies in those cities and their vicinity. At Northampton books were reviewed and discussed. The Springfield meeting was a forum for the exchange of experience in dealing with problems that had proved difficult of solution, or that had been met with special success. The Division's Adviser in Work with the Foreign-born arranged and presided at two meetings for professional workers from Boston and vicinity held at the State House.

The Division's representative has written an article on "Cooperative Reading" for the Survey magazine, frequent notes for the Massachusetts Library Club Bulletin, and has arranged for the writing and publication in the Library Journal of an article on the cataloging of foreign books. An important part of the Division's foreign work has been the frequent circularizing of libraries with book lists, announcements, and suggestions. The following have been compiled by the Division: A new and revised edition of the "Easy Books for New Americans with a Reading List for Americanization Workers" published by the American Library



Association, and a list of new recommended books on Americanization, condensing the comments made at the joint meeting of the librarians and teachers. These were mailed to 290 libraries serving foreign residents. To the 75 largest libraries have been sent from time to time: annotated lists of new French books; a list of books in English on Turkey; an announcement about an exhibition of foreign books arranged by the Division and held at the Boston Public Library as one part of an old world handcraft exhibit arranged by the International Institute of the Boston Y. W. C. A. The Division's work was represented at the exhibit by a traveling library in Finnish, and by a loan collection of Greek handcraft and photographs. This loan collection was also offered to the 38 libraries in places having large Greek colonies. As a result it is steadily engaged, with only two weeks at each place, from September to May of next year. An exhibit of books, posters and graphs illustrating the Division's foreign work was sent to the Americanization section of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs at the Springfield Eastern States Exposition. A list of books compiled by the Division of University Extension for the professional improvement of Americanization teachers, accompanied by a letter asking for library cooperation in making the books accessible to supervisors and teachers, was mailed to all libraries in communities having evening classes for immigrants.

*Work with Teachers and Other Organizations.* In cooperation with public libraries at Hyannis, Chelsea, and North Adams, the Division offered collateral reading for teachers in training for Americanization work. A talk was given to teachers at the Hyannis Normal School on "The Background of the Portuguese Reader." The Berkshire County District of the Massachusetts Association of Americanization Teachers was addressed on "Adult Education of the Foreign-born Through the Public Library." A joint meeting of librarians and teachers is noted elsewhere. The Division's representative has undertaken the chairmanship of the American Library Association's Committee on Work with the Foreign-born, and of the Massachusetts Library Club's Committee on Work with New Americans; membership in the American Library Association's Committee on Cataloging Foreign Books, the French Book Review Committee (affiliated with and appointed by the Committee on Work with New Americans; this committee reads and reports monthly on new French books from the viewpoint of their suitability for library purchase); and the Board of Management of the International Institute of the Boston Y. W. C. A. These affiliations greatly increase the effectiveness of the Division's foreign service. Talks, in addition to those before mentioned, were given the Americanization Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs; the Hannah Winthrop Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; the Upland Club, North Reading; Boston University, Americanization class; Massachusetts Library Club; Connecticut Library Association; Woman's Club of Marblehead; Woman's Club of Chatham, New Jersey; staff and guests of the Springfield City Library; Old Colony Library Club; Women's City Club of Boston; Education Week, sponsored by civic organizations of Greenwich, Connecticut; Lion's Club of Boston; Emmanuel Church of Boston; and Buckingham School, Cambridge.

*Racial Background Investigations.* In the spring a trip to Greece and Turkey with the opportunity to stop in Portugal and in Italy was undertaken to assist in gaining an impression of the background of Massachusetts readers from these countries, and source information on present day literary matters in their homeland. In the Near East, twenty-five calls were made upon individuals including the Greek minister of education, the American Minister to Greece, leaders in college and social service work in Turkey, and others prominent in public life. Greek books were bought in Athens and Turkish books in Constantinople for the Division's traveling libraries. A list of these purchases served also as a selection from which interested libraries could order for their own collections. Wide use of this trip has been made by librarians and others interested in the adjustment of new Americans through requests for talks on the background of our immigrants as a means of better understanding their reading needs; for the loan of the exhibit purchased in Greece; for use of book information gained under favorable conditions, as well as for loans of the actual books purchased.

*Service to Individual Libraries.* There were lent to public libraries 5,085 books in Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Bohemian, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Roumanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swedish and Yiddish, and in English for adult beginners and Americanization workers. An increase of 325 over last year, which in turn was larger than the year before, is especially significant in view of lessened immigration. These books were lent chiefly to the smaller and medium sized libraries, but in some cases to the larger places where there was call for some of the lesser known languages by groups of borrowers too small to justify purchase. One librarian writes of these loans: "The Polish books have been very much enjoyed and I know we have reached men and women with them who hardly knew of our existence." Another says, "I am delighted with the wonderful traveling library in Armenian. It seems as if the Division grew more and more helpful to those of us whose resources are limited." A third, "We could hardly get along without the foreign books you send us." New books have been added in Hebrew, Polish, Finnish, French, Italian, Greek and Turkish. Of these the Finnish were gifts of the Finnish Society of East Douglas, and part of the French were gifts of Miss Antoinette Pell of Rye, New York. Translators helping in the preparation of the books in Hebrew, Russian, and Turkish volunteered their services to the Division. About one hundred foreign books have been given by the Division to public libraries. In addition to lists compiled and mailed to all libraries likely to be interested, seventeen purchase recommendations have been asked for to meet the needs of individual communities, by libraries able to buy their own foreign books. While most of the preparation for work herewith reported has been done at the Division office, the Library Adviser for Work with the Foreign-born has made 33 visits at libraries for consultation on local problems, and has attended 23 conferences or committee meetings in the interest of the reading of the foreign-born.\*

### SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE DIVISION

The various activities outlined in the foregoing report may be summarized as follows:

Books given to .....	114 libraries
Periodicals subscribed to .....	115 "
Aid in reorganizing, mending, discarding to .....	47 "
Library positions filled .....	34
Official visits made by staff .....	209
Addresses made by staff .....	68
Inter-library loans sent to .....	106 libraries
Number of books lent .....	1521
Foreign books lent to .....	94 libraries
Number of books lent .....	5085
Number of languages represented .....	22
Using state reading certificates .....	182 libraries
Certificates awarded .....	approximately 25,000

### THE CENSORSHIP OF LITERATURE

Librarians are subject, as well as booksellers, to the Massachusetts statute prohibiting the sale or distribution of "obscene" literature. This statute is so sweeping in its provisions and so uncertain in its application that librarians may not impossibly be liable to fine and imprisonment for circulating various books commonly found in public libraries and generally regarded as inoffensive by intelligent and reputable readers. To trustees and librarians who have asked for advice regarding this matter the Commission has been unable to give any satisfactory reply. For the protection of librarians the Board believes that the statute should be revised and clarified.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Free Public Library Commissioners recommends that the \$10,000 appropriation granted annually since 1914 for aid to small public libraries of the Commonwealth be increased to \$15,000.

\* See Appendix II.



This appropriation, which provides for furnishing books in small quantities, visits to libraries, the instruction of librarians, and such other means of encouraging and stimulating the small libraries as the state commissioners deem advisable, has not been increased in the past thirteen years. Meanwhile, the prices of books and other costs have risen, and furthermore, the Board is constantly facing additional legitimate demands.

Many of these additional demands came with the consolidation of state departments in 1919 when the Library Commission became the Division of Public Libraries in the Department of Education and the general supervision of school libraries was automatically added to that of public libraries. Advice on the organization of school libraries, the recommendation of trained school librarians, the providing of lists of approved books, and a suitable lending library for teachers are among the additional requests that are now met, and should be met, by the Division of Public Libraries.

State and county institutions, especially the industrial and reform schools and prisons, have awakened to the educational and moral value of carefully selected reading. They, also, now have the right to ask the Division for help in the organization of their libraries and the choice of books suitable for each institution. The Departments of Correction and Public Health, as well as all divisions of the Department of Education, call constantly upon the Division of Public Libraries for counsel and advice.

Another need which the Board has long been trying to meet, though of necessity inadequately, is the lending to the small library of the occasional volume of non-fiction required by an individual student or other reader. The collection of books for this purpose is pitifully small, yet it has been drawn on by 185 libraries in the last two years. No greater service can be rendered by the Division for the education of the adult population through the small public libraries than by enlarging this lending library of select non-fiction. For the book required only occasionally, a single copy available for lending by the state may obviate the purchase of fifty copies by fifty local libraries.

Besides the volumes to be lent for a short period to meet the specific need of an individual reader, there are the so-called travelling libraries—that is, collections of fiction and non-fiction for adults and children lent for a longer period to supplement the meager resources of the local library. There are 170 libraries in the Commonwealth having an annual income of less than \$1,000. Some of these are in towns with a very small population; others are in towns with larger population but a large area and a low valuation and very little wealth. Such libraries cannot build up adequate collections, and to meet their needs it is the usual practice of library commissions to send travelling libraries to be retained for a few months, and when the books have been read to be passed on to another library. The travelling collections which have hitherto been supplied by the Massachusetts Division of Public Libraries have been limited in scope, because for thirty-five years the Woman's Education Association has supplemented the Division's work by maintaining and circulating from private funds many such collections. The Association has been obliged to give up this service, and has offered its books to the Division of Public Libraries to be added to its present very limited travelling collections. The Division should have the means to operate and maintain these collections, and to replace worn out or useless books with fresh copies as required.

To meet these growing demands, as well as the greatly increased cost of books and other library supplies, and the remuneration and travelling expenses for field workers, the above recommended increase of \$5,000 in the appropriation for aid to public libraries is urgently required.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH THE BOARD OF FREE PUBLIC  
LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS*Debit*

Dec. 1, 1926, to Nov. 30, 1927.

Books, periodicals, pamphlets and lists for distribution to small libraries	\$6,701.91	
Cataloging, mending and supplies for small libraries	2,756.36	
Library courses and institute	541.73	
		\$10,000.00
Personal services		10,903.14
Traveling expenses	\$1,645.33	
Office supplies, books and furniture	534.19	
Clippings, telegraph and telephone	192.25	
Binding	157.25	
Printing	376.33	
Express and postage	555.33	
Miscellany	338.78	
		\$3,799.46
Total		\$24,702.60

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Amount drawn from appropriation of \$10,000 for aid to libraries	\$10,000.00
Amount drawn from appropriation of \$11,000 for personal services	10,903.14
Amount drawn from appropriation of \$3,800 for expenses	3,799.46
Total	\$24,702.60

## APPENDIX I

## NOTES ON MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARIES

## From Library Trustees

The Board presents the following extracts from library bulletins and reports as examples of the active interest in their libraries taken by some of the library trustees of the Commonwealth.

The first trustee outlines the inter-relations and resources of her small town library as follows:

"If an interested visitor to — were to say to a person familiar with the institution, 'Tell me about your library,' he might receive a reply to this effect:—'It is of the simplest type, a single room with an alcove for the children. The room is many windowed, however, spacious, ample for the growth of years, and has been made attractive by numerous gifts and memorials. All our shelves are open, and we have an exceptionally well qualified librarian and assistant who give the public devoted service. We have a miscellaneous collection of some — books, the accumulation of nearly half a century, embracing fairly the important departments of knowledge, but in the nature of things far from exhaustive. To supply our needs we have this year an appropriation from the town of — in addition to a little over — from the Dog Fund, and in income of possibly — from gifts.'

"Such are the apparent resources of our Library. There are others, however, that are not so easily perceived. Libraries do not live to themselves any more than persons, and it is to the point to ask what are the relations of this one to the library world in general and what help it receives from outside."

The trustee then mentions the courtesy of inter-library loans from the nearest large library and next, reaching farther afield, the local library club, meeting "thrice yearly for discussion of library problems, which often bears fruit in changes of policy. Similar meetings are held in many places in the state, and attendance upon them is one of the chief incentives of Library officials to improvement of service."

The next of the ever-widening circles of contact is "the State itself, which through its Division of Public Libraries puts many resources at the disposal of the small institutions. . . .

"Beyond the State Library, and every library in the country, stands the national organization, the American Library Association, which . . . throughout a period of fifty years has been a clearing house for all library problems and all matters of professional interest to librarians. . . . Our own library does not often come in



contact with this organization because it depends upon the State, but it does secure from the A. L. A. many publications of value. . . .

"The small library, then, need never remain in isolation save by its own choice. By reaching out hands to its friends, both near and far, it may receive untold benefit."

From a second small town library comes the following item in the town report: "We were represented by our librarian at the annual library institute under the State Division of Public Libraries, held at the Westfield Normal School, and at the spring meeting of the Western Massachusetts Library Club, thus keeping the library in touch with new methods and developments in library work."

The third trustee lives in a village, but her outline of the desired relationship between library and public shows insight and is applicable to all libraries, large and small.

"1. A real interest must be felt and taken in library work and a desire exist to keep the library up-to-date and make it as far reaching in its attractiveness and usefulness as possible.

2. Membership in the district library club, attendance at its meetings if possible, that pace may be kept with modern methods and improvements, and benefit obtained from hearing good speakers on library problems and interests; also from the informal discussions that are a part of the program.

3. Absolute cooperation with the assistant(s) by frequent conference. This is most essential.

4. Cooperation with the schools and all possible assistance given them.

5. The library rooms kept in a neat orderly manner, made as attractive as possible, and special subjects featured.

6. Absolute courtesy and fairness extended to the library patrons, catering to their wishes whenever possible to do so.

7. Bulletin boards kept up-to-date in the display of the new book jackets and announcements arranged in an attractive orderly manner.

8. A carefully prepared annual report submitted, containing, besides the detail of circulation, added books, gifts etc., interesting items of growth, expansion, trends in interest and future needs. A record of these should be noted through the year as they occur."

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**Amesbury.** A bequest from Mr. C. T. Plunkett establishes a fund of \$25,000, the income to be used for books and works of art. The present year marked the 100th anniversary of the founding of a public library association in Amesbury. In 1827 a number of public-spirited men formed an association for the distribution of books at a nominal sum to such citizens as desired them. They secured a room over a store on Market Square and purchased 200 books. The actual date of the founding of the present library, however, was 1856.

**Amherst.** The corner stone of the new Jones Library building was laid, with appropriate exercises, on October 18. The trustees estimate that the building with all equipment will cost approximately \$300,000. Since the fire which destroyed the old library, the Jones Library has been housed in the Belden-Whipple House and though crippled by the fire has served nearly as many people and sent out nearly as many books as in the first year of its residence in the old Amherst Hotel. The valuable collection in the town of Amherst, including books of Amherst authors, is being gradually built up again by gifts from interested friends.

**Andover.** The remodeled library was opened for use July 9. A very attractive feature is the new children's room with its separate entrance.

**Attleboro.** The Adventure Club, composed of children of the city carrying on special reading at the public library, presented a pageant during Children's Book Week called "Good Will the Magician." The pageant showed children in costumes of Japan, Holland, Italy, etc. and the children themselves, with their parents who were present as guests, represented in their nationalities almost every country on the globe. A boy violinist with a foreign name, who has attracted much attention by his skill, played a succession of folk songs which appealed to the audience as they recognized the tunes that came from their home countries.

**Barnstable, Centerville.** From the estate of Mrs. Alfred Crocker the library receives \$200. A series of card parties has helped the fund for new books for the library.

**Hyannis.** This library is named the residuary legatee of the estate of Sylvester Baxter of Malden, whose summer home was in Hyannis. The money will be used to create a fund called the Rosella Ford Baxter Fund, in memory of Mr. Baxter's mother,—founder and first president of the Hyannis library. Mr. and Mrs. James Otis of Hyannisport have given \$1,000 as the nucleus of a fund to be used for building a wall or some permanent protection around at least a part of the Hyannis library grounds. The trustees, of whom Mr. Otis is one, plan gradually to work out a garden plan and to use every effort to beautify the grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Rich have given a Liberty Bond, value \$100, as the beginning of a fund in memory of Mrs. Rich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Soule. Mr. N. B. H. Parker, formerly a trustee of the library, has, for the third year, given \$100 for the purchase of children's books.

An innovation was the opening of the library every week day morning during the summer. Seven girls gave their time to make this possible. The "out-of-door reading room" was open to the public every pleasant day, including Sundays.

**Osterville.** The library received as gifts \$500 "from a friend" and \$938 from various summer residents.

**Barre.** The Martin collection of curios and pictures was opened to the public in February. The first available income from the Mary B. Martin fund of \$9,000, to be used for free lectures or free concerts, was used for a concert in August. The



Woman's Education Association, through Miss Alice Chandler, presented a collection of books and pictures on Holland.

**Becket.** This was the only town in Massachusetts to suffer very seriously from the flood which devastated so large a part of Vermont. The library books escaped damage, but the cellar was so full of mud and water that the fuel was soaked and the building unusable. A letter to the Library Commission begged for "some good *exciting, thrilling, fascinating books* to take our minds off the desolation outside." The Brookline public library joined with the Commission in sending books immediately. The librarian also reports a gift of \$50 in money.

**Berkley.** Mr. Levi C. Crane, a sergeant in the Civil War, has given to the library his war relics including his uniform, army overcoat, gun, knapsack and canteen; also army Records in two large volumes. Mr. Crane now lives in Middleborough but formerly lived in Berkley.

**Berlin.** The town library, for which the citizens have labored so many years, is under construction. The town voted \$4,000 to be added to the approximately \$14,000 in hand. The land was given twenty years ago by Mr. James D. Tyler. Miss Ethel M. Sawyer succeeds Mrs. Helen Sawyer as librarian. Books in the library were repaired by the mender sent by the Division of Public Libraries.

**Bernardston.** Repairs have been made on the library, which, with redecorations, make the main room very attractive.

**Beverly.** An interesting entertainment at the library marked the end of a course in the study of children given by Mrs. Rudkin to the girls of the continuation school. Sixteen of these girls presented an outline of the development of children's literature. The text was prepared by Mrs. Rudkin and acted by the girls in costume appropriate to the period of the books mentioned. The troubadour, the Puritan maid, Goody Two Shoes, the Colonial maid, etc. followed each other down to Alice in Wonderland, Heidi and the books of 1927. The idea was novel and the costumes effective. Preceding this pageant the 8th grade pupils staged an original play and a scene from "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

**Boston.** The year 1927 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Public Library of the City of Boston. While there was no formal observance of the anniversary, the occasion was recognized during the summer months by an extensive exhibit of material illustrating the library's growth and development, and by a series of historical articles which appeared in the successive issues of the library bulletin, "More Books."

The volumes in the library have grown from less than 10,000 to 1,418,489. The home circulation in 1927 numbered 3,705,657. The total annual expenditures have increased from less than \$10,000 to \$1,099,154. Today it would require a shelf reaching from Boston to Plymouth, a distance of 35 miles, to hold the books in the library, while a shelf long enough to reach from Boston to Hartford, a distance of 100 miles, would be necessary to care for the books issued in 1927 for home use. If the books used in the central library and its 31 branches for reference purposes were added to the number of books taken out of the library, the shelf would have to be extended another 100 miles, or to New York City.

The outstanding accomplishment of the year was the completion of the arrangements by which the George F. Baker Library of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration became a branch of the Boston Public Library. This great library of books on business and allied subjects, including the collections of the Boston Historical Association, is freely open to the public for reference, and the closest connection is maintained between it and the central library in Copley Square.

Another interesting feature of the year has been the establishment of the long projected training class, which began its work in October with an enrollment of fifteen, and which has already proved its value. The class is not intended to take the part of a library school, but to provide training for members of the staff and for outside applicants who have at least a high school education and who are unable to go to a library school.

The usual normal growth was noted in all departments during the year. Although the accession figures for the year showed over 90,000 new volumes, the outstanding complaint of the users of the library is that they are unable to obtain the

required book when called for, an evidence of the fact that the library is unable with its present book appropriation to buy a sufficient number of copies of a title necessary to meet the normal demand for the same. The library department is glad to report, however, an increase for the year in home circulation of books to the number of 206,520 over the circulation for 1926.

Mention should again be made of the continuing courtesy of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Coolidge in providing a monthly series of chamber concerts of the highest quality on Sunday evenings during the lecture season. The library department now provides a series of lectures and entertainments on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons and evenings, while lectures and entertainments of various kinds are also being held in a number of the lecture halls of the several branch libraries.

In the branch system the outstanding improvement was the transfer of the children's room in the Dorchester branch from the third floor to a remodelled room on the first floor. In Brighton, an attractive lecture hall was provided in the remodelled basement.

During the year the following gifts and bequests were received: A bequest from Helen Leah Reed of \$1,000, funded as the Guilford Reed Fund, the income for the purchase of books of non-fiction. A gift from Helen Storrow and Elizabeth Randolph Storrow of \$25,000, funded as the James Jackson Storrow Fund, the income to be used for the purchase of Italian books. A gift from Mr. Louis E. Kirstein of \$1,000 to be added to the unrestricted Louis E. Kirstein Fund.

**Boxborough.** By means of whist parties and an Old Home Day, \$400 was raised for repairs, redecoration, and a library sign. The "soldiers bonus money" bought a cabinet for valuable relics and a new filing case.

**Boxford.** A rearrangement of the library, necessitated by a recent addition, and a general discarding of books of no permanent value has been carried out by the Division of Public Libraries. A collection of books left to the library by Miss Mary Sawyer has been cataloged by Miss Herrick of the Board of Trustees, with the assistance of the Division. Mr. Walter R. Ingalls gave \$50 to the library, which with other gifts of money from various persons, totaled to the library \$635.

**Brewster.** The catalog has been revised by Miss Alice T. Rowe, under the supervision of the Division of Public Libraries. A separate room for children has been arranged, a furnace and electric lights installed. Mrs. Margaret T. Gibson has been appointed librarian.

**Brimfield.** This is one of the libraries stressing community service. Among other activities, conferences of parents and teachers on child guidance have been held there with books relating to the subject on exhibition. The library is also collecting much historical data. Seventy-five dollars have been donated to this purpose during the past year. The state bookmender devoted two weeks to this library.

**Brockton.** Mr. Harold C. Keith, President of the Walk-Over Shoe Co., has given the library \$100 to purchase books on the shoe and leather industry. This is Mr. Keith's second gift toward what is developing into a good industrial library on this subject.

The vacation reading club has established a fine record. In 1925 the required number of books was read by 51 children, in 1926 by 115 and in 1927 by more than 200. Free motion pictures were shown at the library for this last group.

**Brookline.** At Chestnut Hill, a branch library and primary school has been built under the joint direction of the Board of library trustees and the School Board. The attractive library room is 65 by 22 feet and occupies the entire front of the building with a separate entrance. A deposit station has been opened in a small store in Washington Square.

**Cambridge.** Two branches were opened in July. One, the Observatory Hill branch, is in the residential section, where a small deposit station has been maintained. The second is a small business library in the heart of the industrial section. It is housed in the rooms of the Kendall Square Manufacturer's Association, with the secretary of the Association in charge. The books are supplied by the library and the Association.

**Canton.** The trustees have voted to allow the librarian \$25 a month to spend



for books on the state certificate reading list until the library owns the entire collection.

**Charlton.** The work with the schools has increased to such an extent that an assistant has been appointed to help on Wednesdays.

**Chelsea.** Lectures by well-known critics and authors have again been arranged at the library. An increase in circulation of 37,300 is reported, despite a decrease in appropriation.

**Chilmark.** An additional room has been furnished to relieve overcrowded conditions. The librarian has conducted reading courses for the children and has also taken them on "bird and flower" walks.

**Clinton.** Children's Book Week was celebrated at the library by exhibits of book marks and book plates made by school children, of children's books suitable for Christmas presents, and of book reviews written by boys and girls of the 7th and 8th grades in a book contest. The winners in this contest were awarded prizes of books.

**Colrain.** Under the will of Mr. John Thompson, the library receives \$500.

**Concord.** By the will of Russell Robb, the library will receive \$10,000. It has also received from Mr. George A. King, \$1,000 to establish a fund for books for boys.

**Dalton.** A section of the library reading room has been given over to historical fiction for use in the high school.

**Danvers.** A deposit station has been established in the Wadsworth School, which enables residents of that part of the town to borrow books. An assistant from the main library is present Fridays from 2 until 4.30. Ten travel tours around the world by books were arranged by the director of the Peabody Institute Library to encourage summer reading among the children.

**Dartmouth, South.** The Apponegansett library is now operated as a branch of the Southworth library, with Mrs. Alice D. Myers, the librarian of the former, in charge of both.

**Dedham.** A legacy of \$1,000 payable in 1928 was left to the library by Mr. James Foord of Pomona, California, a resident of Dedham for many years. An additional reading room for adults has been furnished and special collections placed on the shelves; one section is devoted to Dedham authors and Dedham records. A much needed staff room was also added.

**Deerfield, South.** Posters made by the 6th, 7th and 8th grade pupils for Book Week were displayed in the Tilton Library. Books were awarded as prizes. Posters entitled "Romance," "Fairy Tales," and "A Dream of Books," were mentioned as being especially distinctive. Winners of honor certificates were given a library party; book games were played and the librarian gave a short talk on books and reading.

**Douglas.** The experiment is being tried of closing the children's room at 7 p.m. instead of 8 in order to divide the work better and have more time in the evening for the older people. For the Children's Book Week celebration one hundred new books were purchased and on exhibition. The books in the library were mended under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries.

**Dover.** A rearrangement of the library was made by the State Field Library Adviser.

**Dracut.** Through the cooperation of teachers and students of the State normal school at Lowell, the children of Dracut have enjoyed several story hours at the library and a special party at Christmas when carols were sung in addition to the stories. Books suitable for gifts to children and adults were displayed at the Christmas party. The librarian devotes sixteen hours a week to the main library and twelve to the three branches.

**Dunstable.** Through the cooperation of the Lowell normal school a story hour for the children was held in the library in November.

**Easthampton.** The charging system has been changed from the Browne to a modified Newark. More than 1,000 identification cards for borrowers were filled out the first week. The library was advertised during Book Week by a display of books and posters in a store window.

**Edgartown.** The library reports two gifts of \$25 each; 100 volumes from Miss Blanche Goell in memory of her mother, with a memorial bookplate, the nucleus of a special collection; and 150 volumes from the estate of Mr. Frederick Guild.

**Enfield.** This town, as well as others in the district condemned to be flooded out by the new reservoir, has turned its impending doom into present prosperity in some ways. The circulation in the libraries in several of these villages has been materially increased by new borrowers in the persons of workmen for the Metropolitan Waterworks and their families. In Enfield the librarian and the teachers staged an unusual entertainment during Children's Book Week. The history of the Enfield library was presented in pantomime, the children taking the various parts. Information about early days of the library came from one of the directors, now ninety years old. In addition to this pantomime there were songs and recitations by the children and stories told by a professional story teller. There was an exhibit of posters and of sand-table and other work by the children and 88 state reading certificates were awarded.

**Everett.** Mr. Albert N. Parlin added another gift of \$25,000 to the library fund at Christmas, 1926. From the income of this fund a new charging desk and catalog and magazine cases were installed during the summer. At the same time repairs and redecorations were made from the city appropriation.

**Fairhaven.** Periodical files have been removed to newly erected stacks in the basement, thus providing more room for books. A course in the use of the library was given to all 8th grade pupils.

**Fall River.** A trust fund of \$50,000, given by Mrs. Robert Davis in memory of Dr. Davis, has been received. The income is to be used for the reference department.

**Falmouth.** The Falmouth Free Library has received a legacy of \$5,000 from the estate of E. Pierson Beebe of Boston. There has been placed in the library a tablet to the memory of Joseph Jefferson Holland (namesake and godchild of Joseph Jefferson) by the members of the Players Club of New York, who also have contributed to a memorial shelf in the library to be known as the Joseph Jefferson Holland Shelf.

**Framingham.** The children of the Framingham Country Day School gave \$150 to start a fund to be known by the name of the school, the income to be spent for the children's department of the library. A new salary schedule has been adopted giving substantial increases to all. During Book Week the Shishuaga Club, composed of twenty-five girls from ten to thirteen years old, gave two performances of "Little Women", netting \$25 which has been expended for the children's department of the library. During the summer this club made a one-room doll house representing the living room of the Alcott house in Concord. Dolls were dressed to represent Mrs. Alcott and the four girls. Book service is now given to the two hospitals of the town. The library furnishes the books and sends an assistant one afternoon a week to visit the wards, the hospitals furnish transportation and an aide to carry the books.

**Freetown.** An unusual bequest has come to the town from the will of Warren H. Cudworth formerly of Assonet. These are the terms: "The sum of \$500 is to be known as the Warren H. Cudworth Fund for Encouraging the Use of Pure English, the principal to be invested and kept invested, and the income used in such ways as the library trustees of Freetown may deem proper to promote the object indicated by the title."

**East.** Certificate reading and other books are being circulated in the schools and homes through the efforts of Miss Emily Delano, for years an active and interested trustee of the library.

**Gardner.** The West Gardner branch library has been renovated and more space obtained by tearing out a partition and by rearranging chairs and tables. The circulation has increased steadily for the last three years and the gain is particularly large in non-fiction. The course in reference books at the Boston Public Library under the Divisions of Public Libraries and University Extension was given by Miss Barbara H. Smith, librarian of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, her trustees generously according her the time for these lectures.



**Georgetown.** The children of the central school held a book party in the public library in June and received certificates for the state reading. The children represented some book or some character from a book they had read. The Weaver's children, Cinderella and her sisters, Heidi, Robinson Crusoe, and the Hoosier schoolboy were among the book children featured.

**Gloucester.** The Lanesville branch has finished a very successful year. The main library is giving periodicals and such duplicate books as are suitable to the Coast Guard service for their vessels. It also supplies the hospital and other institutions with reading matter. New books are now placed on a table in the delivery room for inspection for the first three days after their arrival. In each book is a slip and persons desiring the book write their name on the slip and receive a notice from the library when the book is available.

**Gosnold.** This tiny library of about 2,000 volumes has been entirely recataloged and an up-to-date charging system installed. The whole island of Cuttyhunk has a population of only 142; ten pupils are enrolled in the school. The circulation of books is about five per capita.

**Grafton.** The new library building is well under way.

**Greenfield.** The Greenfield Recorder has presented to the Greenfield Public Library a set of bound files of its daily issue dating from January 5, 1920, when the first edition of the daily was printed. Under the agreement, the collection will be added to as fast as volumes are bound. The local Parent-Teacher Association members were guests at the library celebration of Children's Book Week. The librarian outlined for her audience the books read by children from the picture book age to adult reading. Following her talk children's songs were rendered, then came a play in pantomime and tableau called "The Best Book Folk", with scenes from "The Birds' Christmas Carol," "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," "Little Women," and one of Albert Payson Terhune's books.

**Groton.** A bequest of \$1,000 has been received from Joseph Shepley. Children's books were on exhibition at the library during Book Week.

**Groveland.** Under the will of Alfred S. Langley the town receives a bequest of \$2,000, the income to be for the general purposes of the Langley Adams Public Library. A story hour for the children is proving very popular.

**Halifax.** In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the library the February meeting of the Grange was devoted to library matters. A history of the library was given followed by a talk on library extension work in the small towns of the state by the Field Library Adviser.

**Hardwick, Gilbertville.** A new stack, low and easily accessible, has been placed in the children's room and a filing cabinet for the picture collection added.

**Harvard.** The interior of the entire library building has been repainted and many repairs made upon the exterior.

**Harwich, West.** The catalog has been revised and a special collection cataloged by Miss Alice T. Rowe, under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries.

**Haverhill.** The more than 50,000 mounted pictures belonging to the library collection have been assembled and arranged on shelves outside the children's room where they will be more easily accessible to teachers, club women and others who find pictures valuable in their work. A series of illustrated articles on various departments of the library appeared in the local newspaper. This is but one of the various forms of library publicity conducted by the Haverhill library.

**Hopedale.** A new children's room, situated in the basement of the library building, was opened November 7. The room is well lighted and is finished in oak. Hours are from 3 to 8 every day except Sundays and holidays and from 9 to 12 on Saturday mornings from December to April. A trained children's librarian is in charge. A gift to the town from Miss Anna M. Bancroft, Chairman of the Board of library trustees, made this children's room possible. The new bulletin issued by the library is admirable.

**Huntington.** A gift of \$300 has been received, covering the rental of the library room.

**Lakeville.** New magazine shelves have been added in the reading room.

**Lawrence.** The new branch library in South Lawrence was opened in April.

**Lee.** Out-of-date material has been discarded and instruction in mending given by the Division of Public Libraries. The juvenile collection has been renovated and a good supply of new books added.

**Lenox.** The librarian reports a decided increase in reference work not only in Lenox but for adjoining towns. A collection of biographical material about contemporary authors has been started and fills a distinct need. Exhibits, lectures and concerts have, as usual, formed part of the library activities.

**Leominster.** Professor Edwin A. Kirkpatrick and his family have given a sum of money to the library to be expended for practical books of the better class that might not otherwise be purchased. This gift is a memorial to Mrs. Kirkpatrick. A special memorial bookplate will mark each book. To this memorial fund the Fortnightly Club added \$25 as a testimonial of their appreciation of the service given by Mrs. Kirkpatrick to that Club. The librarian reports the largest circulation in their history, an increase of 28,000 over the previous year. A change in schedule for the junior high school has relieved the congestion in the reference room. The junior high school pupils now come to the library in the morning for their reference work, the high school and the grade school pupils in the afternoon.

**Littleton.** The town receives \$5,000 under the will of Bradford Sampson, the income to be used for the purchase of books for the library.

**Lowell.** The reference room is now open every Sunday from 2 till 9 p.m. The library announced books for reference in connection with the new course in music introduced this year into the Lowell state normal school. A large room formerly devoted to "government material" has been given to the school library department and fitted up for study. Branch libraries established for the summer in four schools were so valuable that residents have filed petitions asking for permanent branch libraries in these sections. Story hours held Saturday mornings in the children's room and organized newspaper publicity have resulted in a greatly increased circulation.

**Lynn.** A branch library was established for the summer in the Lynn Woods schoolhouse and a station in the Trevett Avenue School. The Wyoma branch carried on its regular vacation reading. A new contest for this summer was the writing of ten rules (original) on the care of books. More than 350 parents and children attended an entertainment given in the Houghton branch library during Children's Book Week. The program included a talk on reading books for children by Mrs. Edward Barney and the play entitled "Bookland."

**Lynnfield.** The main library at the Centre has been entirely remodeled and redecorated, new lighting system installed and grounds beautified. A series of book talks was given during the year by Mr. J. Buckley Glasgow, a member of the Board of library trustees.

**Malden.** By the will of Mrs. Isabella Holden Corey the public library is bequeathed \$15,000 in memory of her husband, to be known as the Deloraine Pendre Corey fund, the income to be used to purchase fiction and juvenile books; \$15,000 in memory of her son, to be known as the Arthur Deloraine Corey Fund, the income to be used to purchase non-fiction; a portion of Mr. Corey's library. The public library is also made residuary legatee; whatever amount is received will be used for general maintenance purposes. Mr. Deloraine P. Corey was for many years Chairman of the Board of library trustees. The library also received \$400 for a lecture course.

**Medway.** The Dean Library Association has discarded many useless and out-of-date books. A new charging system has been installed.

**West.** The library was reclassified, recataloged and rearranged, and the books mended by Miss Frances S. Wiggin, under the supervision of the Division of Public Libraries. Twenty ladies of the town assisted Miss Wiggin.

**Melrose.** A study class formed by the Education and Literature Committee of the Melrose Woman's Club meets in the public library once a month through the winter. The librarian spoke of new books at the first meeting.

**Merrimacport.** A committee has been appointed by the Merrimacport Library Association to investigate the cost of erecting a library and community room and consider a site for the same.



**Middleborough.** The library conducted a very successful "Know your library" campaign during Book Week. The upper floor was given over to exhibits of books, each class of books having attendants in appropriate costume to show the volumes and answer questions. For instance: the children's books were presided over by Mother Goose, the books on antiques by a girl in old-fashioned costume, the travel and history books by a girl in a genuine Swedish costume loaned for the occasion, and fashion, costume and party books by a lady in evening dress. Posters for Book Week, made by students in the high school were on exhibition in another room. There was also an exhibit of paper dolls, made by pupils of the grammar school, dressed to represent various nationalities. Prizes of books were awarded to winners in both contests.

**Milford.** The sum of \$500 has been left to the library under the will of Mrs. Margaret L. Spaulding.

**Milton.** The anonymous gift of \$1,000 reported last year was in memory of Waldo Emerson Forbes. The income is to be used for the purchase of expensive books. The house-to-house delivery is now made by a motor truck carrying 300 books. The circulation through this delivery alone was nearly 13,000 volumes, a gain of more than 3,500 over 1926. To the 86 boys and girls comprising the Milton public library State certificate reading club, Miss E. Louise Jones spoke in May on the value of reading and awarded 21 honor certificates. Two plays were given by members of the Club. Ten children took part in a scene from "The Prince and the Pauper" by Mark Twain called "The Pauper Becomes a Prince." It was interesting to watch the reading of these children during the rehearsals. Nearly every child read. "The Prince and the Pauper," some read additional books by Mark Twain, and some branched into history books of the period. Two boys in the play were appointed by the children to read about the kind of dress suitable for the costumes. Then the children either borrowed or made their dresses. In some cases there was only a suggestion of the times such as a large, white, crepe paper collar for the pages. The younger children in the second and third grades gave a short Swiss play, "The Little Goat Girl." Seven children took part in this play: the goat girl, her mother, a gnome and four fairies. The fairies' white wings bound with silver were made by the mother of one of the little actresses. The woodland scene was very realistic with eight small birch saplings cut from land nearby which is soon to be cleared.

**Montague, Turners Falls.** New steel ceilings have been placed in the library, a new bookcase added to the children's room, and the whole library redecorated.

**Monterey.** The town has given \$1,000 to the building fund of the Monterey Free Library.

**Mount Washington.** From the smallest town in the state in population—only 58 persons—comes word that the summer residents have placed their club library at the service of the permanent residents for the winter and that that library contains the newest books.

**Needham.** A new deposit station has been opened at the Riverside School with books for adults as well as children. The librarian has visited individual classrooms in all the schools, talked on books, given instruction on the use of the library, checked school reading lists and arranged special reserve shelves. Two exhibits, one entitled "Color in nature" and the other consisting of dolls from various countries, were borrowed from the Children's Museum of Boston and displayed in the children's room of the library. Two annotated booklists, on Biography and Travel, have been prepared and printed by the library.

**New Bedford.** Hospital service has been inaugurated with books and an attendant from the library giving bedside service.

**New Braintree.** The librarian reports an increase in circulation over 1926 of more than a thousand volumes, giving them a per capita circulation of 11 volumes. Moreover, nearly 50% of the 1927 circulation was non-fiction. The librarian attributes part of this to books borrowed from the Division of Public Libraries.

**Newbury.** The town, in town meeting, voted to accept the Act of 1890 and made an appropriation of \$200 to the Newbury public library in the village of Byfield.

**Newburyport.** The sum of \$2,000 has been donated by interested citizens toward fitting up a new children's room and purchasing new books.

**Newton.** A bequest of \$1,000 from the late Mr. Oliver Fisher has been added to the trust fund of the library. The income will be used for books. The Plummer Memorial Library, the new Auburndale branch, was finished in December 1927. The campaign for the necessary \$42,000 for building and equipment was completed last spring. The fireplace in this branch was built from the contributions of school children and bears this inscription: "Given, in love, by the children of today for the children of tomorrow." The new Newton Centre branch library costing about \$60,000 is nearly finished.

**North Adams.** The librarian reports the circulation of children's books the largest in the history of the library. Deposits have been sent to all schools including the continuation and parochial schools. Instruction in the use of the library has been given. Several contests were held in the children's room. The largest and most important was a map contest, lasting from January to June, in which the boys and girls read across the map of Europe and Asia, their progress being marked by colored pins. More than one hundred boys and girls enrolled and more than six hundred books of travel were read by them. In the spring there was a bird contest, while all through the year reading for the state certificates was encouraged. At the close of each contest a party was given to the winners, at which little plays were acted by the children themselves.

Early in Children's Book Week exhibitions of new books and of foreign dolls were held, and a home-made puppet show supplemented the usual story hour. Other exhibitions included those of art and handicrafts of Italy, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, lent by natives of those countries; old maps; early American glass; and collections of paintings, prints and etchings.

**North Andover.** During July travel stories and pictures of real travels delighted the children of the vacation reading club. The stories were told by teachers and others; the children went around the world with one friend, to Switzerland with another, to Holland and across the Channel to London by airplane with a third. Special shelves are reserved during the school year for four or five hundred books wanted by the high school students.

**Northfield Farms.** Book Week day was given up to a children's clinic at the library. The librarian talked to the mothers about books and reading and recommended some books for Christmas purchase.

**Norwell.** The James Library will receive \$5,000 under the will of Florence M. Cushing, to be known as the William Fish Fund.

**Norwood.** The Morrill Memorial Library has received from the estate of the late Warren H. Cudworth his private library of about twelve hundred volumes, in which is a fine collection of the works of Horace in the Latin and in translations of various scholars. Also the sum of \$500, the income to be used for the purchase of books and in such ways as the trustees may deem proper to promote and encourage the use of pure English.

**Oakham.** New electric lights have been installed in the Fobes Memorial Library, the gift of Mrs. A. L. Gifford of Tarrytown, N. Y.

**Orleans.** Old books were withdrawn from the shelves by the state Field Library Adviser making room for new volumes. A check for \$25 to purchase children's books was received at Christmas time from a summer resident.

**Paxton.** The story hour last winter included pantomiming spontaneously some of the stories told. This fall and winter the librarian and the children (under her direction) are making little individual puppet shows for staging stories.

**Petersham.** The catalog has been revised under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries. This work was started by Miss Alice T. Rowe and completed by Mrs. Mary E. S. Root. A band of volunteers was gathered together by Mrs. Root to assist in the work; a children's department was organized, a talk given in the schools, groups of children taken to the library and weekly story hours were held. Committees were appointed to carry on these activities inaugurated by Mrs. Root.

**Plymouth.** The library has received \$500 under the will of Mrs. Annie Graves



Churchill of Cambridge. A new children's room is being finished off in the basement and will be ready for occupancy early in 1928. Hospital book service was started at the Jordan Hospital in August. A branch library has been developed at Long Pond. Deposits of books have been made in every schoolroom below the junior high.

**Quincy.** Library publicity here takes the form of a series of book reviews and items of interest about the library written by the librarian and running each week in the local newspaper under the caption "Over the library desk."

**Raynham.** A small room has been added to the library building, relieving the crowded conditions. The dog tax paid the bills.

**Reading.** A clock and \$50 for books were given by the Grange for the children's room.

**Rockland.** A \$50 Liberty Bond has been given to the library by the Mothers' Mutual Improvement Society.

**Rowley.** A complete inventory has been taken, books of no permanent value discarded, the classification and cataloging brought up-to-date by Miss Avis M. Pillsbury under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries.

**Royalston.** Miss Edith Metcalf has for several years donated \$30 annually, providing eighteen publications for the reading room.

**Rutland.** The library has received a check for \$100 from "a friend."

**Sandwich.** The library building has been redecorated and painted.

**Saugus.** A gift of \$15 has been received from the Beethoven Club of Lynn for books on music.

**Sharon.** The public library held two library readings on Sunday afternoons in April and November. The former was an experiment; the latter the first of a series to be continued through the winter of 1927-28. About sixty of the townspeople were present at each, and several of them read selections from favorite books or poems, such as: "The Sea and the Jungle," "Con Grande's Castle," Ludwig's "Napoleon," "Giants in the Earth," "Singing River," Auslander's "The Winged Horse," and "Translations from the Chinese" by Christopher Morley.

**Shelburne.** The library has been recataloged, old books discarded, a new charging system installed and records simplified by Miss Louise Partenhemer, under the supervision of the Division of Public Libraries.

**Somerville.** The library suffered a serious loss during the summer by the death of one of its most devoted trustees, Dr. Herbert E. Buffum. Dr. Buffum's will establishes a trust for the benefit of certain surviving members of his family and makes the library a residuary legatee to the amount of \$20,000, the income of which may be expended at the discretion of the trustees for any library purpose except "for any maintenance of the library such as labor or material which should be provided by municipal appropriation." Dr. Buffum's father, Mr. Thomas J. Buffum, himself a former trustee, presented the library with \$1,000 in memory of his deceased wife, daughter, and son, "to be used as the trustees in their good judgment may think best." The library secured considerable publicity by an exhibit at the Kiwanis Business Exposition and Carnival held in June. Consistently with the purpose of the exposition the library emphasized the service that it could render the community in industrial, business, and occupational fields. By exhibits of books, distribution of lists, and particularly by the library salesmanship of attendants in charge, a marked degree of public interest and approval was aroused.

**Southbridge.** It was voted to close the library Sundays from May 1 until October 2.

**Springfield.** A branch library at East Springfield has been established through the efforts of the local woman's club. By a bequest under the will of Lewis G. Putney the City Library Association is offered a valuable tract of land in Upper State Street for a branch library on condition that the building be erected within five years. The need of a branch in this thickly settled section has been urged for several years. On December 1 there was opened on the grounds of the City Library Association a new and beautiful building in Georgian style, costing \$130,000, to be known as the William Pynchon Memorial Building and to serve as a Historical

Museum, housing the collections of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society. This Society, while retaining its individuality and activities, has merged with the City Library Association. Special exhibits of books in observance of Children's Book Week were displayed at the Memorial Square branch library. All the Newbery prize books were on exhibition with a letter from Will James and an original drawing of Smoky. New books and new editions for Christmas purchase were shown. Safety posters made by school children occupied one whole bulletin board. A popular feature was a "hidden book contest" in which hundreds of children joined. A story was posted on a bulletin board in which were concealed the titles of 70 books. The players had to use the catalog to insure correct titles. The names of the winners were posted on the library honor roll. Through this game the children learned the resources of the library and an immediate increased circulation was one result. An interesting booklet on "Inexpensive ways of getting recreation in Springfield and some books about them" has recently been issued by the library. This service was compiled at the request of members of manufacturing companies and other business concerns who have felt the need of such a list for their employes. Clubs, museums, sports, handicrafts, lectures and numerous other activities are listed.

**Stoughton.** A library reading club has been organized which uses the state certificate material together with a button showing membership. Six hundred children are enrolled. Classroom banners and posters also are awarded.

**Sturbridge.** The Fiskedale mills are running again and that means more books and circulation. The librarian takes over a basket of books to the Fiskedale branch every week and supervises the exchange. The number circulated there is about one-third of the number going out from the main library. The work in the main library has increased so much that the librarian now has an assistant.

**Swansea.** Members of the South Swansea Literary Club have started a branch library—the main library being too far away for ready use.

**Townsend.** Under the will of Mary E. Worcester the library will receive \$5,000, the income to be used for the purchase of books or in any other way recommended by the trustees. This bequest was given in memory of Miss Worcester's father, mother and brothers.

**Truro.** The library has had a thorough housecleaning. Old books have been discarded and the catalog revised. The non-fiction has been classified and a dictionary card catalog made, using the old cards for the fiction and juvenile. The branch at North Truro has been cataloged also. This work was done under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries by Miss Florence B. Kimball assisted by Miss Barbara Keith.

**Wakefield.** A trust fund of \$1,000 has been received by the trustees of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library from Mr. George O. Carpenter of St. Louis. The income is to be paid to the trustees for the purchase of books, preferably for the children's department. The fund is in memory of Mr. Carpenter's father, Major George Oliver Carpenter, one of the organizers of the library. \$500 has been received by the will of Rev. T. D. Emerson. Publicity for the library has been given out in the form of special lists, bulletins, a teacher's booklet, vacation book-marks, and news items for the local papers. All pupils in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades have attended classes at the library on the use of books and the public library.

**Walpole.** The will of Mr. Charles Sumner Bird leaves \$25,000 to the Walpole public library to be used as deemed best. Mr. Frank O. Pillsbury bequeathed several valuable bird charts. The circulation records show a gain of at least 10,000 over any previous year.

**Ware.** The librarian reports gifts of \$1,000 from Mr. J. H. Granville Gilbert and \$200 from Dr. and Mrs. James H. Jolliffe, the latter to be spent on children's books, and a bequest of \$500 from the estate of Harriet S. Hyde. Stories are told to the children every Saturday afternoon and every other Thursday the librarian holds a book hour for adults when she talks about worthwhile books, new and old, owned by the library.



**Warren.** The library received as gifts \$100 from the Rural Improvement Society and \$70 from the Tuesday Club.

**Watertown.** On January 31 the new East branch building was opened for business. This building, of brick in simple Colonial style, was built by the town at a cost, including equipment, of \$43,000. Provision was made for further expansion as the work increased and already there has been an increase of 54% in the circulation. In May the town turned over to the library trustees a two-room school building in the northern part of the town for a branch library and made an appropriation for starting a branch in one of the rooms. This North branch was opened on September 12. The whole building will be altered as the use of the branch increases.

**Wayland.** Every child in the village school is registered as a borrower at the library, also every pupil in the high school senior class of seven, five of whom live three miles from the library.

**Webster.** The circulation has increased by 6,000 volumes in the last year, almost wholly in the children's room.

**Wellesley.** An appropriation of \$50,000 was made for the new branch library. The dwelling house owned by Mr. Isaac Sprague and lent by him for a branch library has been moved and the new building is being erected on this lot which Mr. Sprague has given to the town.

**West Springfield.** Library service has been established in the Bridge St. School. One day each week books are distributed to the pupils by two high school girls under the direction of the school principal.

**West Tisbury.** From the estate of the late Mrs. E. W. Newhall the library has received \$1,000.

**Westfield.** The new library and museum group, costing \$42,000, was dedicated April 22. A duplicate pay collection has been established.

**Westminster.** The library reports the gifts of \$300 from the estate of Mr. F. S. Whitman of Brooklyn, N. Y., and of books from various donors.

**Williamsburg, Haydenville.** The library has been recataloged under the direction of the Division of Public Libraries, old books have been discarded and a new charging system installed.

**Winchester.** A story hour is a new project of the public library. The object is to broaden the literary outlook of the children of grammar school age by introducing to them stories from sources with which they are, for the most part, unfamiliar, and by urging them to take home copies of the books from which the stories have been told.

**Worthington.** At the beginning of the school year the directors and the book committee gave a reception in the library to the teachers, the school committee and the superintendent. The work and resources of the library were explained by the librarian who spoke especially of the state certificate reading. The very good picture collection was exhibited. The library is now open on Wednesday afternoons and evenings as well as on Saturdays and the children from the primary and grammar schools are allowed to come to the library in groups and select books. Deposits of books on the state certificate list are sent to the three district schools. Miss E. K. Jones of the Division of Public Libraries awarded certificates at an entertainment during Children's Book Week.

**Yarmouth, Port.** Books have been discarded and the remainder repaired under supervision of the Division of Public Libraries.

**South.** Three prizes were offered by an interested resident to children reading the best books.

## APPENDIX II

## STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC

[NOTE—The following statistics are taken from reports sent in by the libraries and in the majority of are abbreviations for Free Public Library. The figures after the name of the library indicate: 1. Field Secretary, expenses of librarian paid to a library institute. 2. Loan collections of foreign books, parentheses denote the total number of certificates awarded.] \* No Report.

	LIBRARY	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
1	Abington P. L.	Ida H. McKenney	5,882	\$5,485,071
2	No. Abington P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. M. G. McDougall	—	—
3	Acton Mem. L.	Arthur F. Davis	2,387	3,654,926
4	*So. Acton Impr. Assoc.	Mrs. C. Esther Edney	—	—
5	W. Acton Citizens L. Assoc.	Mrs. Ida M. Costello	—	—
6	Acushnet F. P. L. (RFD New Bedford) 3	Emma L. White	4,135	3,952,710
7	Adams F. L. 2	Mrs. Elizabeth H. Furst	13,525	14,342,225
8	Agawam F. P. L. 1, 3 (58)	Mrs. Arthur Rudman	6,290	8,873,576
9	Alford F. T. L. (RFD Gt. Barrington) 1	Mrs. Rachel E. Ploss	221	230,198
10	Amesbury P. L. 2, 3 (375)	Marguerite Merrill	11,229	11,547,980
11	Amherst: Jones L. 1, 2	Charles R. Green	5,972	9,062,104
12	Andover: Mem. Hall L. 1, 3 (210)	Edna A. Brown	10,291	17,656,352
13	Arlington: Robbins L. 3	Mrs. Lucinda F. Spofford	24,943	52,999,150
14	Ashburnham: Stevens P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Evelyn Crandall	2,159	1,703,568
15	Ashby P. L. 1, 3 (50)	Mrs. Florence Pope	907	965,862
16	Ashfield: Belding Mem. L.	Mrs. May G. Boice	919	1,276,899
17	Ashland F. P. L.	Mrs. Grace S. Bragg	2,521	2,410,780
18	Athol P. L. 1, 2, 3 (54)	Gladys C. Greene	9,602	10,604,600
19	ATTLEBORO P. L. 1, 3 (141)	E. Lucile Palmer	20,623	24,352,775
20	Auburn F. P. L. 1, 3 (60)	Mona Adshead	4,927	5,367,335
21	Avon F. P. L. 3	Mrs. Celia J. Damon	2,360	1,865,000
22	Ayer P. L. 3 (12)	Mrs. Jennie McLean	3,032	3,650,000
23	Barnstable: Sturgis L. 1	Elizabeth C. Nye	5,774	19,477,340
24	Centerville P. L. Assoc. 2, 3 (6)	Mrs. Nelson Bearse	—	—
25	Cotuit P. L.	Mrs. Frank L. Handy	—	—
26	Hyannis F. P. L. 2, 3	Mrs. Ora A. Hineckley	—	—
27	*Marstons Mills P. L. 1	Mrs. Caroline Coleman	—	—
28	Osterville P. L. 1, 2	Katherine Hineckley	—	—
29	W. Barnstable: Whelden Mem. L.	Carrie P. Bursley	—	—
30	Barre Town L. 3	Carrie E. Read	3,329	3,360,005
31	Becket Athenaeum 1	H. Fannie Prentice	778	873,191
32	Bedford F. P. L. 1, 3	Clara H. Hartwell	1,514	2,753,636
33	Belchertown: Clapp Mem. L. 1, 3 (115)	Mrs. Doris Squires	2,905	1,504,460
34	Bellingham F. P. L.	Mrs. Marie P. Cooke	2,887	2,556,998
35	Belmont P. L.	Lucy D. Luard	15,256	32,124,285
36	Berkley P. L. (R.F.D. Taunton) 1, 3 (18)	Mrs. Florence Williams	1,118	974,187
37	Berlin F. P. L. 1, 3 (4)	Ethel M. A. Sawyer	1,071	1,073,957
38	Bernardston: Cushman L. 1	Ellen S. Birks	844	774,288
39	BEVERLY P. L. 3 (1283)	Marjorie Stanton	22,685	46,581,450
40	Billerica: Bennett P. L. 1, 3 (54)	Mrs. Mary A. B. Snell	4,913	9,928,259
41	*Blackstone F. P. L.	Peter F. Maloney	4,802	2,524,085
42	Blandford: Porter Mem. L. 1	Mrs. F. E. deBraul	437	854,369
43	Bolton P. L. 1	Catherine M. Edes	801	1,134,614
44	Boston P. L.	Charles F. D. Belden	779,620	1,928,821,700
45	*Bourne: Jonathan Bourne P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. W. C. McDermott	3,015	8,782,693
46	Boxborough F. P. L. (RFD West Acton) 1	Mrs. Mabel P. Robbins	333	372,202
47	Boxford P. L. 1, 3 (30)	Bertha Perley	581	1,103,896
48	West Boxford P. L. 1	Nellie Spofford	—	—
49	*Boylston P. L. 1	George L. Wright	970	882,947
50	Braintree: Thayer P. L. (So. Braintree)	Alice Holbrook	13,193	20,891,800
51	Brewster: Ladies L. 1, 3 (9)	Mrs. Margaret T. Gibson	774	1,916,358
52	Bridgewater P. L. 2, 3 (33)	Edith M. Ames	9,468	5,460,060
53	Brimfield P. L. 1, 3 (15)	M. Anna Tarbell	840	1,169,750
54	BROCKTON P. L. 3 (2250)	Harold A. Wooster	65,343	76,437,325
55	Brookfield: Merrick P. L. 1	Mrs. C. O. Dean	1,401	1,329,276



## APPENDIX II

## LIBRARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

cases cover the year 1927. Names of towns in parentheses denote postoffice addresses. Letters F.P.L. Libraries aided in the form of gifts of books and periodicals, cataloging, bookmending, visits from the visits from the Secretary for Work with Foreigners. 3. Using state reading certificates. Numbers in

Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
—	—	10½	20,071	\$2,410 00	\$2,550 65	\$679 44	\$685 00	1
—	—	15	29,612	2,410 00	2,797 00	938 55	1,036 40	2
—	3	15	10,960	900 00	1,400 56	668 82	382 85	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	1½	—	—	—	80 15	52 00	5
1	—	9	15,095	790 59	790 59	315 67	445 91	6
3	7	48	19,742	10,000 00	10,526 47	2,358 21	6,476 15	7
—	—	14	13,576	507 97	1,710 58	453 60	506 26	8
—	—	6	—	71 58	71 58	21 58	50 00	9
—	—	31	54,636	5,107 48	7,020 59	1,333 82	3,468 02	10
1	2	57	72,520	none	43,831 51	7,040 30	13,289 44	11
2	3	57	54,310	5,834 22	10,829 87	1,841 66	6,690 02	12
1	—	66	140,521	13,425 00	18,498 43	3,892 27	10,405 12	13
1	5	11	15,831	1,000 00	1,124 97	557 62	500 00	14
—	—	10	3,250	773 09	773 09	264 53	300 00	15
1	—	15	8,743	200 00	1,470 19	313 05	600 00	16
—	—	21	12,015	1,900 00	1,900 00	432 46	616 25	17
—	2	54	61,688	6,100 00	6,100 00	1,513 30	3,729 67	18
4	11	69	142,101	15,775 00	16,075 00	2,550 65	8,463 63	19
1	—	14	12,502	1,500 00	1,786 01	773 82	699 85	20
—	—	6½	21,924	828 08	828 08	394 13	344 50	21
—	—	18	13,029	2,000 00	2,140 92	359 80	936 00	22
—	—	9	—	75 00	1,437 94	215 47	300 00	23
—	—	7	4,936	125 00	761 57	123 03	187 85	24
—	—	10	7,673	150 00	812 50	199 56	547 25	25
—	—	22	18,862	300 00	690 27	513 13	529 95	26
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
—	—	24	12,779	175 00	2,171 74	272 32	774 64	28
—	—	3	2,140	75 00	297 92	128 37	77 00	29
2	4	27½	22,414	1,375 00	4,238 72	692 24	2,075 97	30
—	3	—	—	200 00	258 00	62 00	80 00	31
—	—	8	11,339	650 00	2,124 06	520 62	325 00	32
—	—	9½	10,301	636 61	918 15	112 10	401 65	33
2	2	5	6,982	500 00	500 00	244 60	152 50	34
1	8	58	75,018	12,800 00	12,800 00	2,556 37	7,647 20	35
—	—	6	2,888	500 00	500 00	165 08	249 35	36
—	—	4	4,820	449 59	500 00	244 30	212 50	37
—	—	13½	11,508	none	1,358 69	362 44	300 07	38
1	21	72	212,071	25,009 34	29,455 97	6,606 53	16,287 15	39
—	4	15	23,857	800 00	1,659 46	423 91	650 10	40
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41
1	9	7½	6,571	300 00	408 11	59 94	224 00	42
—	—	10	3,514	1,195 72	1,209 36	146 49	335 01	43
32	326	90	3,705,657	1,104,569 00	1,221,639 00	154,581 00	703,898 00	44
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45
—	—	5½	2,414	170 54	176 23	120 67	29 00	46
—	—	2	2,340	121 62	863 56	112 39	25 00	47
—	—	2	1,268	121 63	222 63	152 91	25 00	48
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49
2	—	25½	43,091	5,800 00	7,603 46	3,100 76	3,130 79	50
—	—	6	5,941	200 00	575 14	214 23	271 29	51
—	11	30	45,003	4,650 00	4,650 00	1,341 03	2,385 80	52
—	3	9	7,900	614 92	971 23	191 50	316 00	53
2	137	78	341,576	37,271 40	39,071 40	7,436 20	22,920 11	54
—	1	27	14,665	1,250 00	1,761 25	353 11	721 32	55

## STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	LIBRARY	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
56	Brookline P. L.	Louisa M. Hooper	42,681	\$155,272,700
57	Buckland F. P. L.	Grace E. Gould	1,555	2,736,881
58	Burlington F. P. L. (RFD Woburn) 1	Mrs. Nettie R. Foster	1,431	2,308,130
59	CAMBRIDGE P. L. 2, 3 (312)	Leo R. Etzkorn	119,169	183,385,700
60	Canton P. L. 3 (95)	Rose S. Holmes	5,896	8,741,140
61	Carlisle: Gleason P. L. 1, 3 (30)	Mrs. Mary A. Green	510	743,185
62	Carver P. L. 1, 3 (84)	Mrs. Viola E. Hidden	1,306	2,858,640
63	Charlemont F. Town L. 1 (5)	Ruth Rice	820	1,113,190
64	Charlton F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Ellen M. Robbins	2,295	1,744,710
65	Chatham: Eldredge P. L. 1, 2	Edna M. Hardy	1,741	5,123,940
66	So. Chatham: Pilgrim L.	Helen M. Littlefield	—	—
67	Chelmsford: Adams L. 3 (7)	Mrs. Ida Jeffs	6,573	\$7,721,960
68	No. Chelmsford L.	Eva M. Wheeler	—	—
69	CHELSEA P. L. 2	Esther C. Johnson	47,247	54,799,600
70	Cheshire L. Assoc. 1	Emma E. Martin	1,842	1,414,566
71	Chester: Hamilton Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Maria L. Ripley	1,514	1,365,184
72	*Chester Center L. Assoc.	Mrs. Harry Bromley	—	—
73	Chesterfield T. L. (RFD Williamsburg) 1, 3 (7)	C. M. Drake	445	487,927
74	CHICOPEE P. L. 3 (456)	Anne A. Smith	41,882	50,821,860
75	Chilmark F. P. L. 1, 3 (2)	Mrs. Myron Vincent	240	519,356
76	Clarksburg T. L. (RFD No. Adams) 1, 3 (7)	Ruth Lyman	1,222	700,440
77	Clinton: Bigelow F. P. L. 2, 3 (113)	Helen A. Thissell	14,180	16,573,464
78	Cohasset: Paul Pratt Mem. L. 2	Hazel Randall	2,913	10,261,570
79	Nantasket L. (No. Cohasset)	Myriam Muirhead	—	—
80	Colrain: Griswold Mem. L. 3 (54)	Bertha L. Read	1,562	1,370,822
81	Concord F. P. L. 1, 2, 3	Sarah R. Bartlett	7,056	8,419,490
82	Conway: Field Mem. L.	Mrs. Lulu M. Ralston	931	993,291
83	Cummington: Bryant F. L. 1	Mrs. A. H. Morey	508	459,690
84	Dalton F. P. L. 1, 3 (8)	Marjorie H. Martin	4,092	5,555,318
85	Dana F. P. L.	Nellie I. Shattuck	657	821,348
86	No. Dana F. P. L. 1, 3	Grace A. Haskins	—	—
87	Danvers: Peabody Inst. L. 1, 2, 3 (93)	Bessie P. Ropes	11,798	12,007,825
88	Dartmouth F. P. L.	Mary A. Tucker	9,026	12,410,225
89	No. Dartmouth F. P. L.	Alice W. Gidley	—	—
90	So. Dartmouth: Southworth L. 1	Mrs. Alice D. Myers	—	—
91	Dedham P. L. 2	Anna P. Rolland	13,918	22,590,825
92	Deerfield: Dickinson L. 2	Jane Pratt	2,968	4,404,335
93	So. Deerfield: Tilton L. 2, 3 (72)	Mrs. Ellen Billings	—	—
94	Dennis Mem. L. Assoc. 1	Mrs. B. C. Hall	1,749	2,787,460
95	E. Dennis: Jacob Sears Mem. L. 1	Mrs. B. N. Kelley	—	—
96	S. Dennis F. P. L. 1	Alice S. Thacher	—	—
97	W. Dennis L.	Mrs. Louise Darling	—	—
98	Dighton P. L. 1, 2, 3 (16)	Mrs. Lydia J. Cole	245	4,096,782
99	Douglas: Simon Fairfield P. L. (E. Douglas) 1, 2, 3	Rosalie E. Williams	2,363	1,830,695
100	Dover Town L. 1, 3	Mrs. Judson S. Battelle	1,044	3,546,094
101	Dracut: Moses Greeley Parker L. 1	Mrs. Harriet L. Cotter	6,400	4,129,189
102	Dudley F. P. L. (RFD Webster)	Margaret Crawford	4,594	3,680,460
103	Conant L.	Mrs. George A. Gould	—	—
104	Dunstable F. P. L. 1 (14)	Mrs. Lizzie Swallow	338	455,655
105	Duxbury F. L. 1	Sara B. Higgins	1,688	6,266,913
106	East Bridgewater P. L. 1, 3	Lucy L. Siddall	3,538	4,594,240
107	East Brookfield P. L.	Mrs. Leslie Durgin	929	1,077,450
108	East Longmeadow P. L. 1	Mabel M. Ellis	3,134	3,568,565
109	Eastham P. L. 1	Mrs. Blanche A. Keefe	494	1,099,289
110	Easthampton P. L. Assoc. 2	Emma H. Parsons	11,587	14,066,048
111	Easton: Ames F. L. (No. Easton) 2, 3 (379)	Mary L. Lamprey	5,333	5,334,050
112	Edgartown F. P. L. 1, 3 (37)	Mrs. L. L. Wimpenny	1,235	3,360,086
113	Egremont F. L. (So. Egremont) 1	Mrs. Jennie Benjamin	477	856,675
114	Enfield L. Assoc. 1, 3 (88)	Mrs. Charles M. Downing	749	782,210
115	Erving F. P. L.	Mrs. Lilla L. Brown	1,334	2,273,845
116	Essex: T. O. H. P. Burnham P. L. 1	Frances Low	1,403	1,566,518
117	EVERETT: Frederick E. Parlin Mem. L. 3 (8)	Georgia W. Rathbone	42,072	64,724,775
118	No. Everett: Shute Mem. L.	Mrs. G. S. MacAdam	—	—
119	Fairhaven: Millicent L.	Avis M. Pillsbury	10,827	11,915,745
120	FALL RIVER P. L. 3 (841)	T. Harrison Cummings	128,993	188,935,750



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Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
3	144	82	374,608	\$64,280 00	\$67,524 17	\$11,081 95	\$44,825 60	56
—	—	6	3,984	300 00	382 08	225 93	255 88	57
—	—	13	5,248	500 00	530 00	150 00	280 00	58
5	26	72	472,696	75,809 00	77,530 14	14,221 14	50,122 00	59
—	1	42	49,651	5,000 00	5,374 84	875 70	2,850 00	60
—	—	4½	4,118	626 69	626 69	179 84	175 00	61
—	2	8	3,166	200 00	307 45	65 86	150 00	62
—	—	8	6,667	200 00	272 71	145 53	100 00	63
—	—	11	9,337	325 00	424 29	150 00	201 00	64
—	—	18	15,314	1,250 00	2,590 53	480 66	897 75	65
—	—	3	—	200 00	200 00	50 00	60 00	66
2	—	18	14,696	2,000 00	2,070 43	761 16	637 25	67
—	—	5	15,587	1,200 00	1,280 00	328 04	415 92	68
—	—	66	172,788	25,050 00	25,609 37	6,969 46	14,955 61	69
—	2	10	8,026	160 00	353 56	141 43	150 00	70
—	—	8	9,430	600 00	650 86	131 24	282 50	71
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72
1	1	2	1,765	229 69	229 69	168 39	40 00	73
4	—	48	211,741	22,410 00	22,570 00	5,690 11	12,595 96	74
—	—	7	3,927	139 07	245 03	159 19	50 00	75
3	—	2	3,500	75 00	75 00	67 39	none	76
—	—	72	71,223	12,169 25	12,688 45	1,878 68	8,676 87	77
1	—	39	23,318	4,900 00	7,617 23	1,037 58	3,305 25	78
—	—	18	—	1,050 00	1,564 36	519 47	576 32	79
—	7	10	6,499	300 00	1,639 01	237 20	306 00	80
1	—	72	87,350	10,405 05	20,836 12	3,260 17	7,921 12	81
—	2	36	8,532	none	4,413 88	381 52	1,766 50	82
—	3	—	1,964	115 00	115 00	71 22	rent	83
—	1	36	38,455	2,200 00	4,935 96	871 41	2,697 10	84
—	—	3	2,531	175 00	176 39	69 25	65 00	85
—	—	3	4,141	175 22	184 32	86 34	65 00	86
—	1	36	50,690	4,999 84	9,822 95	1,855 71	5,035 85	87
—	—	4	4,500	525 00	525 00	239 45	120 30	88
—	3	10	12,154	800 00	800 00	408 11	209 45	89
—	—	17	17,291	1,350 00	1,350 00	353 37	545 50	90
2	11	42	89,000	19,024 12	19,971 01	3,419 83	8,743 69	91
—	2	8	5,721	200 00	1,195 41	689 03	450 00	92
—	3	9	20,567	1,000 00	2,201 25	571 47	645 45	93
—	—	2	2,628	200 00	335 65	133 06	none	94
—	—	2	1,200	200 00	532 94	113 55	75 00	95
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	96
—	—	2	—	200 00	400 00	364 67	50 00	97
—	—	14	13,962	1,200 00	1,200 00	347 09	590 17	98
—	6	27½	19,362	1,139 73	1,785 69	554 38	772 00	99
—	—	12	—	1,000 00	1,070 00	—	—	100
4	6	12	65,185	2,500 00	2,500 00	931 44	1,150 00	101
—	—	12	17,090	1,700 00	1,700 00	580 46	400 00	102
—	—	8	2,720	—	—	—	—	103
—	1	5½	2,527	144 72	723 77	325 70	100 00	104
—	—	14	19,448	1,000 00	5,292 15	690 37	2,209 08	105
—	3	20	22,005	2,200 00	3,254 08	764 32	1,374 65	106
1	—	9	13,037	800 00	800 00	291 58	318 00	107
—	6	7	10,377	815 77	872 02	351 40	289 75	108
—	—	11	7,892	25 00	760 00	238 42	297 70	109
—	12	54	76,404	5,000 00	6,911 00	2,125 00	3,689 00	110
—	—	36	25,730	none	7,176 17	1,106 23	1,748 16	111
—	—	15	15,193	1,630 00	1,683 42	420 19	730 65	112
—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	113
—	3	6	9,533	145 58	425 33	247 63	179 92	114
1	1	2	2,716	751 46	751 46	575 00	120 00	115
—	—	8	14,253	none	981 67	355 98	368 25	116
—	—	66	141,207	21,941 85	24,858 05	3,668 39	13,264 11	117
—	—	42	73,647	11,600 00	11,600 00	2,967 15	4,800 00	118
3	23	84	95,313	none	13,756 86	2,418 29	6,994 20	119
4	175	72	580,699	90,000 00	90,826 59	10,177 94	56,572 18	120

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LIBRARY.		Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
121	Falmouth F. P. L. 3	Katherine Watson	4,694	\$18,933,727
122	*No. Falmouth Church L. 1	Mrs. Mabelle Shattuck	—	—
123	*Waquoit L. 1	Mrs. William A. Hatch	—	—
124	West Falmouth L. 1	Albert S. Bowerman	—	—
125	Woods Hole F. P. L. 1, 3 (10)	Mrs. Ernest Rohmeling	—	—
126	FITCHBURG P. L. 2	George E. Nutting	43,609	62,431,225
127	*Florida F. P. L. (Hoosac Tunnel)	—	362	1,407,914
128	Foxborough: Boyden P. L. 2, 3 (13)	Ida F. Carpenter	4,934	5,237,055
129	Frammingham Town L. 3 (95)	Edith B. Hayes	21,078	31,588,218
130	Franklin L. Assoc. 1	Miss M. R. Daniels	7,055	8,808,083
131	Freetown: G. H. Hathaway L. (Assonet) 1	Helen Hodgman	1,663	1,747,400
132	E. Freetown Circulating L. 1, 3 (76)	Mrs. Rachel A. Allen	—	—
133	Gardner: Levi Heywood Mem. L. 1, 2	Barbara H. Smith	18,730	23,724,144
134	*Gay Head P. L.	—	168	125,460
135	Georgetown: Peabody L. 1, 3 (55)	Lois P. Noyes	1,888	1,882,038
136	Gill: Prentice Slate Mem. L. (RFD Bernardston) 1	Mrs. Helen M. Boyle	918	869,025
137	Gloucester: Sawyer F. L. 2	Rachel S. Webber	23,375	37,270,529
138	*Magnolia L. Assoc.	O. W. Richardson	—	—
139	*Goshen F. P. L. 1	Pauline A. Webb	251	376,180
140	Gosnold F. P. L. (Cuttyhunk)	Mrs. Priscilla Ramos	142	1,377,662
141	Grafton F. P. L. 2, 3	Nellie Ainsworth	6,973	5,107,320
142	Granby F. P. L. 1, 3 (82)	Mrs. M. C. Eastman	810	978,391
143	Granville P. L. 1, 3 (10)	Mrs. Mable L. Henry	609	686,492
144	Granville Center L. Assoc.	Mrs. Mary Barnard	—	—
145	Great Barrington: Mason Mem. L. 2	Jennie K. Thompson	6,405	9,404,761
146	Housatonic: Ramsdell P. L. 2	Helen C. Brown	—	—
147	Greenfield P. L. 2	May Ashley	15,246	23,645,331
148	Greenwich P. L. (Greenwich Village) 1	Laura E. Walker	450	636,699
149	Groton P. L. 3 (23)	Emma F. Flood	2,428	3,977,140
150	Groveland: Langley-Adams L. 3 (141)	Mrs. J. B. Wood, acting	2,485	1,781,748
151	So. Groveland: Hale L.	Edward L. Sides	—	—
152	Hadley: Goodwin Mem. L. 2	Grace M. Crosier	2,888	2,885,845
153	Halifax: Holmes P. L. 1	James T. Thomas	614	1,483,760
154	Hamilton F. P. L.	Mrs. Lydia Haraden	2,018	5,630,499
155	Hampden F. P. L. 1, 3	Mrs. Hazel Burleigh	632	576,760
156	*Hancock: Taylor Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Doris Lovejoy	510	514,655
157	Hanover: John Curtis F. L.	Mrs. Bernard Stetson	2,755	2,700,000
158	Hanson F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Ruth M. Colby	2,166	2,371,836
159	Hardwick: Paige Mem. L. 2, 3 (4)	Nettie C. Bridges	3,046	3,445,591
160	Gilbertville: P. L.	Mary P. Colvin	—	—
161	Harvard P. L.	Alice I. Mandell	996	2,269,887
162	Harwich: Brooks F. L. 1, 3	Miss S. L. Underwood	2,077	4,985,190
163	*Harwichport L. 1	Mrs. A. H. Matson	—	—
164	West Harwich: Chase L. 1	Mrs. Ruth C. Nickerson	—	—
165	Hatfield F. P. L. 2	Ellen A. Waite	2,702	3,078,253
166	HAVERHILL P. L. 3 (2814)	Donald K. Campbell	49,232	68,149,900
167	Hawley F. P. L. (RFD Charlemont)	Albert F. Sears	354	255,421
168	Heath F. P. L. 1, 3 (53)	Mrs. Homer S. Tanner	298	380,346
169	Hingham P. L. 3 (19)	Helen L. Whiton	6,158	14,198,415
170	Hinsdale P. L. Assoc. 1	Mrs. Cora Lovell	1,044	950,403
171	Holbrook P. L.	Mrs. Grace E. White	3,273	3,071,882
172	Holden: Gale Free L. 3 (46)	Mrs. M. Addie Holden	3,436	3,290,785
173	Holland F. P. L. (RFD Southbridge) 1	Delia M. Blodgett	141	228,400
174	Holliston P. L. 2	Frances J. Hayes	2,812	3,501,999
175	HOLYOKE P. L. 3 (104)	Frank G. Wilcox	60,335	117,068,780
176	Hopedale: Bancroft Mem. L. 2, 3 (142)	Walter R. Meade	3,165	4,295,722
177	*Hopkinton P. L.	Anna K. Sheridan	2,580	2,709,946
178	Hubbardston F. P. L. 2, 3 (18)	Mrs. Lucy H. Clough	1,067	977,655
179	Hudson P. L. 2	Mrs. G. M. Whittemore	8,130	7,220,091
180	Hull P. L. 3 (9)	Mrs. Elizabeth J. Sirovich	2,652	17,590,875
181	Huntington F. P. L. 1	Marion Childs	1,543	1,193,130
182	Ipswich F. P. L. 2, 3 (140)	Mrs. Grace E. Baxter	6,055	8,266,047
183	Kingston: Frederick C. Adams P. L. 2	Mrs. J. F. McLauthlen	2,524	3,220,500
184	Lakeville F. P. L. (RFD Middleborough) 1	Hannah K. Nelson	1,439	1,410,559
185	LANCASTER Town L. 2	Virginia M. Keyes	2,678	3,509,832



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—	—	28	16,294	\$4,047 63	\$4,374 51	\$601 76	\$1,920 19	121
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	122
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	123
—	—	4	1,769	200 00	693 25	109 04	143 75	124
—	—	8	9,027	250 00	1,655 59	245 27	425 25	125
—	36	72	111,552	16,590 00	17,080 90	4,032 29	10,028 40	126
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127
—	—	28	20,989	2,042 85	2,507 01	552 75	1,182 00	128
4	55	42	151,176	19,352 08	23,012 04	5,691 29	13,573 08	129
—	—	27	17,697	1,500 00	5,731 00	1,250 00	1,140 00	130
—	—	7	1,469	125 00	125 00	30 73	60 00	131
—	2	—	—	120 00	120 00	120 00	—	132
2	48	57	140,661	10,850 00	16,546 93	4,451 48	6,999 76	133
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	134
—	9	13	8,532	785 87	1,843 20	273 65	720 00	135
1	2	5	2,445	512 70	542 01	201 65	230 50	136
1	1	79	99,979	1,000 00	9,070 55	2,548 71	3,627 50	137
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	138
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	139
—	—	6	450	120 43	120 43	6 75	114 12	140
2	1	38	47,379	4,314 16	5,856 20	2,045 22	2,166 90	141
—	—	4	8,028	510 85	691 86	203 55	207 74	142
1	—	10	2,614	669 87	1,073 87	202 19	278 50	143
—	—	—	—	none	—	—	25 00	144
—	—	54	42,566	5,200 00	5,200 00	469 94	3,205 70	145
—	—	30	26,590	3,500 00	3,500 00	488 75	1,972 50	146
—	10	76	107,165	16,006 45	16,006 45	4,467 75	8,111 56	147
—	—	3	5,615	60 12	255 88	173 35	72 00	148
1	—	34	15,414	3,639 06	3,779 17	967 82	1,786 00	149
—	—	10	18,763	1,000 00	1,141 25	362 54	474 00	150
—	—	—	—	none	—	—	—	151
—	2	10	8,530	1,045 66	1,096 28	828 27	382 50	152
—	—	13	1,525	397 38	401 67	186 48	100 00	153
1	0	16	19,997	2,000 00	2,008 58	707 98	615 00	154
—	5	5½	6,579	467 42	491 77	303 65	184 00	155
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	156
—	—	13	10,428	180 00	2,357 25	508 29	879 00	157
1	1	6	18,674	1,324 92	1,324 92	764 14	332 50	158
0	2	5	—	none	1,874 47	517 32	424 00	159
—	—	12	17,830	none	2,094 32	779 91	684 30	160
—	—	22	10,800	905 95	3,583 69	677 13	1,329 42	161
—	—	4	7,050	1,450 00	1,450 00	447 07	186 19	162
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	163
—	—	5	5,973	50 00	533 74	604 71	132 01	164
—	2	6	13,465	850 00	857 85	453 53	343 94	165
2	121	72	274,202	35,593 65	48,459 84	7,725 34	24,031 42	166
—	—	—	291	25 00	25 00	110 28	none	167
—	—	7	4,734	150 00	232 88	98 64	75 00	168
—	—	30	28,016	none	5,294 97	1,221 51	1,871 14	169
—	—	8	7,206	672 59	972 59	366 91	180 00	170
—	—	22	25,963	317 51	2,074 92	510 37	792 00	171
—	—	15	12,584	2,400 00	2,970 00	227 42	1,495 01	172
—	2	2	4,870	145 74	145 74	56 08	52 00	173
—	—	18	14,666	1,734 10	2,291 44	613 22	637 00	174
1	115	72	288,315	43,000 00	44,327 12	9,606 11	24,955 15	175
1	1	42	40,670	3,812 97	6,036 31	878 40	3,675 27	176
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	177
—	—	10	9,651	290 82	1,418 21	272 93	353 25	178
—	—	37	61,153	5,773 65	5,773 65	1,543 92	3,046 70	179
—	—	8	20,261	4,212 35	4,262 35	864 76	2,270 80	180
—	—	7	8,888	432 00	732 00	248 16	125 05	181
—	—	24	28,946	600 00	3,552 12	1,174 49	1,050 59	182
—	—	33	9,366	1,600 00	2,561 45	500 40	1,487 67	183
1	—	6	5,861	810 58	810 58	—	125 00	184
2	2	42	30,042	3,128 67	3,940 17	936 24	1,696 62	185

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	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
186	Lanesborough: Newton Mem. L. 1	Anna M. Sturgis	1,181	\$ 1,139,705
187	*Lawrence F. P. L. 1, 3	William A. Walsh	93,527	130,734,975
188	Lee Library Assoc. 1, 2, 3	Mrs. Flora Saunders	4,058	5,299,413
189	Leicester P. L.	Mrs. Anna M. Collyer	4,110	3,798,505
190	Lenox L. Assoc. 1, 2, 3 (124)	Edith O. Fitch	2,895	6,799,368
191	LEOMINSTER P. L. 2, 3 (8)	Florence E. Wheeler	22,120	22,228,670
192	Leverett: Field Mem. L. 1, 3 (62)	Dorothy C. King	664	492,897
193	Lexington: Cary Mem. L. 1, 2	Marian P. Kirkland	7,785	17,103,851
194	*Leyden: Robertson Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Lucy M. Howes	270	290,418
195	Lincoln P. L.	Mrs. May S. Bodley	1,306	2,806,667
196	Littleton: Reuben Hoar L. 2, 3	Margaret E. Thacher	1,411	2,283,745
197	Longmeadow: Richard Salter Storrs L.	Ruth E. Oldfield	3,333	8,614,893
198	Lowell: City L.	Frederick A. Chase	110,296	141,759,193
199	Ludlow: Hubbard M. L. 3 (41)	Ruth Abbott	8,802	10,475,561
200	Lunenburg: Ritter M. L.	L. Frances Jones	1,875	2,207,815
201	LYNN P. L. 3	Joyce G. Bisbee	103,081	132,791,015
202	Lynnfield P. L.	Elizabeth W. Green	1,331	3,083,684
203	MALDEN P. L. 2, 3 (21)	Herbert W. Fison	51,789	66,827,275
204	Manchester P. L.	Jane C. Sargent	2,499	12,163,544
205	Mansfield P. L. 2	Ethel F. Wood	6,590	7,684,795
206	Marblehead: Abbot P. L. 3 (157)	Anna B. Cole	8,214	18,628,539
207	*Marion L. Assoc. 3	Alice A. Ryder	1,271	4,511,251
208	MAHLBROUGH P. L.	John P. McGee	16,236	17,355,058
209	Marshfield: Ventress F. L. 3 (19)	Josephine A. Baker	1,777	5,879,080
210	Marshfield Hills: Clift Rodgers F. L. 1	Elsie Ford, acting	—	—
211	Mashpee F. P. L. 1, 3 (43)	Clara N. Collins	298	1,103,737
212	Mattapoisett F. P. L. 3 (16)	Grace A. Tilden	1,556	3,899,594
213	Maynard P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Sarah F. Nyman	7,857	6,740,650
214	Medfield: Mem. P. L.	Mrs. Clara A. Emery	3,867	2,722,733
215	MEDFORD P. L.	Abby L. Sargent	47,627	71,662,950
216	*Medway: Dean L. Assoc. 1, 3	Mrs. Bertha C. Hunt	3,144	3,002,160
217	West Medway F. P. L. 1	Mrs. L. W. Esten	—	—
218	MELROSE P. L. 3 (545)	Elsie M. Hatch	20,165	32,776,100
219	Mendon: Taft P. L. 1, 3 (22)	Mrs. Verena R. Daley	1,030	1,291,600
220	Merrimac P. L.	Susanna I. Sayre	2,349	1,981,580
221	Merrimacport L. Assoc.	Mrs. F. L. Breed	—	—
222	Methuen: Nevins Mem. L. 3 (3)	Beatrice M. Weibel	20,606	20,061,255
223	Middleborough P. L. 2, 3 (60)	Mrs. Mertie E. Witbeck	9,136	9,405,490
224	Middlefield P. L. 1	Mrs. Grace H. Olds	223	334,040
225	Middleton: Flint P. L.	Edith L. Fletcher	1,667	1,625,162
226	Milford Town L. 2, 3 (620)	Ethelwyn Blake	14,781	15,504,095
227	Millbury P. L. 1	Carolyn C. Waters	6,441	5,517,819
228	Millis P. L. 1, 3 (187)	Carrie D. Hammond	1,791	2,820,909
229	Millville P. L. 1, 3	Mary V. Murphy	2,366	1,455,515
230	Milton P. L. 3 (216)	Carrie S. Allen	12,861	31,848,695
231	Monroe P. L. (Monroe Bridge) 1	Mrs. W. J. Ellis	143	887,017
232	Monson F. L. 2, 3 (25)	Mrs. Etta Lewi	5,089	3,198,335
233	Montague Town L.	Mrs. Kate A. Hayden	7,973	10,528,237
234	Millers Falls L.	Mrs. E. A. Lawrence	—	—
235	Montague City L.	Mrs. Altie Fitts	—	—
236	Turners Falls: Carnegie P. L. 2	Edith L. Barber	—	—
237	Monterey F. P. L. 1, 3 (13)	Newman B. Abercrombie	348	680,691
238	Mongomery F. P. L. 1	Augusta Williams	191	239,937
239	*Mt. Washington P. L. (Copake Falls, N.Y.) 1	Mrs. Hazel Annis	58	190,236
240	Nahant P. L. 1	May W. Perkins	1,630	4,975,914
241	Nantucket Atheneum	Clara Parker	3,152	10,156,650
242	Natick: Morse Inst. L. 3	Mira R. Partridge	12,871	11,002,650
243	So. Natick: Bacon F. L.	Mrs. Ella M. Karb	—	—
244	Needham F. P. L. 2	Barbara Abbott	8,977	18,713,975
245	New Ashford F. P. L.	—	85	103,505
246	NEW BEDFORD F. P. L. 2, 3 (57)	George H. Tripp	119,539	216,197,725
247	New Braintree F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. James T. Greene	423	521,112
248	New Marlborough T. L. (Mill River) 1, 3 (19)	Lulu C. Blodgett	991	1,321,919
249	*Southfield: Seymour L. Assoc.	Mrs. Almon Heath	—	—
250	New Salem F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Alice Stowell	519	667,054



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Branches.	Deposits.	Hours open per Week.	Circulation.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Total Income.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Services.	
—	—	4	3,215	\$225 44	\$323 94	\$85 97	\$93 00	186
—	—	30	14,000	2,200 00	2,695 36	598 72	1,129 40	187
3	—	30	15,635	3,495 00	4,487 69	333 07	1,327 38	188
—	5	32	22,013	313 83	10,373 99	1,192 78	4,059 00	189
—	35	72	158,809	12,000 00	12,198 63	2,767 29	6,887 02	190
2	7	10	4,791	308 44	460 31	141 87	180 00	191
1	—	61	67,903	11,226 01	12,549 79	1,896 47	4,836 70	192
—	—	12	6,110	1,231 21	1,724 05	341 67	814 29	193
—	—	15	13,657	1,250 00	2,041 45	853 70	678 45	194
—	—	15	23,263	1,616 60	2,189 07	1,042 49	493 87	195
168	72	289,140	29,400 00	35,533 53	6,418 73	23,400 00	198	196
23	39	46,215	5,500 00	1,896 86	2,317 18	199	200	197
—	—	10	13,152	700 00	1,448 35	456 81	511 97	198
4	53	81	500,748	75,000 00	82,783 06	9,833 82	50,244 53	199
1	—	6½	11,355	855 02	1,271 16	462 59	442 00	200
2	88	70	361,110	26,000 00	46,325 40	7,882 78	26,139 35	201
—	—	45	29,612	3,004 07	1,124 55	1,670 00	204	202
2	3	42	53,208	4,599 34	4,997 36	1,603 17	2,760 40	203
—	—	37	56,758	5,555 38	9,571 72	2,069 23	4,208 59	204
—	—	10	53,024	8,945 99	9,733 73	1,950 47	6,066 72	205
—	6	14	7,323	1,000 00	1,098 90	388 13	500 00	206
—	—	3	—	none	260 00	—	—	207
—	2	2	957	165 00	165 00	38 15	50 00	208
—	1	12	14,258	1,514 61	1,534 61	519 66	392 00	209
—	—	37	37,501	3,474 54	3,474 54	919 81	1,331 91	210
—	—	27	15,104	1,750 00	2,145 86	586 80	1,104 00	211
2	—	57	115,957	24,800 00	24,800 00	5,442 85	12,252 65	212
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	213
—	—	5	5,854	750 00	750 00	348 02	124 55	214
4	13	69	150,117	18,038 00	18,212 37	3,500 00	11,138 00	215
—	3	6½	10,102	500 00	792 84	333 18	252 00	216
—	1	10	11,395	850 00	861 00	473 45	300 00	217
—	—	3	3,388	74 46	227 72	50 00	15 00	218
—	13	42	42,202	none	8,553 61	1,260 60	3,887 08	219
2	1	82	84,595	6,325 00	8,557 30	2,509 78	4,262 20	220
1	—	5	1,400	145 00	145 00	120 00	25 00	221
—	2	6	7,702	500 00	1,358 97	304 05	459 92	222
—	—	25	60,139	4,000 00	4,004 22	1,265 53	2,279 18	223
—	—	18	18,068	2,500 00	2,548 19	497 21	1,298 00	224
—	—	12	6,843	585 27	589 99	381 27	204 00	225
—	6	3	16,517	457 00	457 00	350 00	100 00	226
3	22	61	124,198	18,235 00	21,636 53	2,634 16	11,932 17	227
1	0	4	1,211	74 56	214 75	26 25	25 00	228
1	3	45	19,167	500 00	2,844 24	848 93	1,339 09	229
—	—	8	8,886	1,150 42	1,150 42	336 56	374 82	230
—	—	7½	—	950 43	950 43	422 74	195 00	231
—	—	3	1,801	none	—	17 21	48 00	232
—	—	36	49,191	5,700 85	5,709 33	1,019 59	2,337 70	233
—	2	4	1,963	200 00	355 32	205 52	53 00	234
—	—	2	—	43 08	49 15	24 00	25 00	235
—	—	22	22,122	6,000 00	6,000 00	1,489 28	1,357 50	236
1	—	55	31,928	2,500 00	4,585 77	792 88	2,693 98	237
—	—	72	86,357	11,450 00	14,017 65	2,503 99	9,609 87	238
—	—	13½	7,938	none	1,903 20	232 78	920 00	239
—	3	42	58,862	7,865 00	7,865 00	2,309 44	4,240 00	240
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	241
3	222	79	569,735	72,369 01	86,839 72	13,714 93	61,838 34	242
—	—	—	4,812	302 37	413 32	231 89	35 00	243
4	2	6	3,590	500 00	567 60	289 53	200 00	244
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	245
1	1	2	1,708	75 00	150 00	80 00	22 00	246

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	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
251	Newbury P. L. (Byfield) 1, 3 (6)	Mrs. Orin Arlin	1,432	\$2,260,258
252	NEWBURYPORT P. L. 1, 2	John D. Parsons	15,656	13,583,310
253	Newton F. L., 2, 3	Julius Lucht	53,003	139,979,250
254	*Norfolk P. L.	Mrs. Lucy MacKay	1,213	1,597,839
255	NORTH ADAMS P. L. 2, 3 (28)	Mabel Temple	22,717	26,256,118
256	North Andover: Stevens Mem. L.	Elizabeth M. Pond	6,839	8,681,710
257	No. Attleborough: Richards Mem. L. 1, 2	Ethel M. Rix	9,790	10,041,540
258	*No. Brookfield F. P. L. 1	Katharine E. Smith	3,046	2,496,754
259	No. Reading: Flint L. 1, 2	Addie W. Gowing	1,689	2,158,954
260	Northampton: Forbes L. 2, 3 (37)	Joseph L. Harrison	24,145	28,560,700
261	Florence: Lilly L. 2	Mrs. Mary W. Field	—	—
262	Northborough F. L.	M. Evelyn Potter	1,968	2,124,414
263	Northbridge: (Whitinsville) Social L. 2	Ethel M. Pope	10,051	9,301,956
264	Northfield: Dickinson Mem. L.	Mrs. C. A. Randall	1,821	1,984,848
265	N'd Farms L. Assoc. (RFD Northfield)	Mrs. Nettie F. Perry	—	—
266	Norton P. L. 3	Mrs. C. C. Hubbard	2,769	2,487,450
267	Norwell: James L. 1, 3 (12)	Marion G. Merritt	1,466	1,990,575
268	Accord: Ridge Hill L. 1	Mrs. Wm. J. Leonard	—	—
269	Norwood: Morrill Mem. L. 2, 3 (23)	Jane A. Hewett	14,151	26,464,530
270	Oak Bluffs F. P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Mabel A. Mayhew	1,314	3,791,629
271	Oakham: Fobes Mem. L. 1, 3 (11)	—	525	479,799
272	Orange: Wheeler Mem. L. 2, 3 (60)	N. Gertrude Hendrickson	5,141	5,650,039
273	Orleans: Snow L. 1	Mary S. Cummings	1,078	3,899,885
274	Otis, F. P. L. 1, 3 (19)	Mrs. Kate H. Somes	395	518,115
275	Oxford: Chas. Larned Mem. L. 3 (9)	Harriet B. Kilton	4,026	2,984,731
276	Palmer: Young Men's L. Assoc. 3 (800)	May E. Robinson	11,044	11,752,858
277	Palmer F. P. L. 1, 2, 3 (20)	Mrs. F. K. Hyde	591	839,129
278	*PEABODY Institute L. 3	John E. Keefe	19,870	23,262,095
279	*Eben Dale Sutton Ref. L.	Frances M. Carroll	—	—
280	Pelham F. P. L. (RFD Amherst) 1	Mrs. Ida H. Weaver	519	634,254
281	Pembroke F. L.	Ellen F. Cox	1,480	2,719,855
282	Bryantville: Cobb L. 2	Mrs. Julia W. Morton	—	—
283	Pepperell: Lawrence Mem. L. 1	Helen M. Wiley	2,779	3,101,945
284	*Peru, F. P. L.	Trustees	113	304,375
285	Petersham Mem. L. 1, 3 (13)	Mrs. S. C. Warren	672	1,453,185
286	Phillipston: Phillips F. P. L.	Mrs. Alice Amidon	384	356,212
287	PITTSFIELD: Berkshire Athenaeum 2	Harlan H. Ballard	46,877	57,793,745
288	Plainfield: Shaw Mem. L. 1	Florence Bliss	282	332,893
289	Plainville P. L.	Elmer C. Pease	1,512	1,416,284
290	Plymouth P. L. 1, 2, 3 (263)	Mrs. John Fignie	13,176	26,815,350
291	*Loring Reading Room, No. Plymouth	Maud B. Coleord	—	—
292	Manomet P. L. Assoc.	Mrs. Emma Bartlett	—	—
293	Plympton P. L.	Helen S. Robbins	511	705,360
294	Prescott F. P. L. (RFD Greenwich Village)	Elsie M. Thresher	230	292,557
295	*Princeton P. L.	Susan A. Davis	773	1,364,244
296	Provincetown P. L. 1, 2	Abbie C. Putnam	3,787	4,378,286
297	QUINCY: Thomas Crane P. L. 2	Galen W. Hill	60,055	129,990,550
298	Randolph: Turner F. L.	Sarah C. Belcher	5,644	5,237,250
299	Raynham P. L. (Raynham Center) 1	Lucy W. Thompson	2,128	1,838,606
300	Reading P. L. 1, 3 (85)	Bertha L. Brown	8,693	14,377,149
301	*Rehoboth: Blanding F. P. L.	Mrs. Charles Fuller	2,332	2,079,781
302	REVERE P. L. 3 (139)	Harriet T. Fenno	33,261	40,287,650
303	Richmond F. P. L. 1, 3 (3)	Ida H. Barnes	619	626,018
304	Rochester F. P. L. (RFD Marion) 1, 3 (73)	Mrs. Annie Wilbur	1,100	1,252,242
305	Rockland Mem. L. 1, 2, 3 (66)	Mrs. Lida A. Clark	7,966	8,455,459
306	Rockport P. L.	Mabel L. Woodfall	3,949	5,477,880
307	*Pigeon Cove L.	Mrs. M. B. F. Mitchell	—	—
308	Rowe Town L. 1, 3 (14)	Mrs. Anna Henry	292	686,756
309	Rowley F. P. L. 1	Marian Todd	1,408	1,391,711
310	Royalston: P. S. Newton L. 1	Mrs. Elsie B. Jewett	821	1,021,653
311	Russell F. P. L. 1	Mrs. James Walkinsbaw	1,398	3,951,726
312	Rutland F. P. L. 1, 3 (4)	L. Edna Wheeler	2,236	1,350,988
313	SALEM P. L. 3 (1015)	Gardner M. Jones	42,821	56,087,900
314	Salisbury F. P. L.	Mrs. F. L. Pettengill	1,820	3,090,282
315	Sandisfield P. L. (New Boston) 1, 3	Dora W. Seems	480	633,679



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—	—	—	2,540	\$200 00	\$200 00	\$49 61	\$105 00	251
—	—	67	52,688	9,950 53	15,012 75	2,555 37	8,082 52	252
9	41	82	558,870	73,769 20	78,780 44	21,235 05	45,136 15	253
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	254
3	11	66	14,145	14,250 00	14,303 82	4,204 30	7,362 01	255
—	—	24	28,000	5,500 00	8,413 69	1,360 31	3,666 75	256
—	—	44	50,287	6,300 00	6,300 00	1,680 00	3,333 47	257
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	258
1	—	11	10,998	357 84	511 04	272 89	254 00	259
2	9	72	170,524	20,000 00	40,774 90	9,773 49	20,307 55	260
—	—	36	22,495	900 00	2,588 85	307 09	1,352 75	261
—	1	15½	12,995	1,256 00	2,412 00	887 00	750 00	262
1	13	33	87,004	8,250 00	8,847 18	1,810 12	5,094 24	263
—	—	18	14,614	600 00	1,548 75	452 65	564 40	264
—	—	4	1,599	25 00	150 00	98 00	37 00	265
—	—	9	11,871	900 00	1,543 30	556 60	509 38	266
—	2	7	2,575	200 00	895 95	129 71	180 00	267
—	—	3	1,791	50 00	80 03	52 71	79 85	268
—	4	66	90,166	13,269 28	13,301 38	2,569 20	8,720 00	269
—	—	10	11,089	1,337 31	1,337 31	361 25	524 50	270
—	3	8	2,438	411 42	504 16	87 88	150 00	271
1	12	36	52,930	5,935 78	5,935 78	1,632 91	2,543 60	272
—	—	12	10,733	1,000 00	1,579 29	245 08	500 00	273
—	4	7	2,257	200 00	220 34	55 60	60 25	274
1	—	12	17,177	2,099 85	2,278 78	488 01	810 00	275
4	—	33	69,687	4,000 00	4,151 97	1,159 78	2,590 69	276
—	—	12½	4,211	500 00	3,200 00	—	1,724 00	277
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	278
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	279
3	2	2	—	—	—	88 30	38 00	280
3	2	5½	6,078	300 00	300 00	225 68	45 00	281
—	4	8	7,697	none	1,212 37	242 71	257 00	282
—	—	29	15,206	1,250 00	4,194 98	420 50	1,572 25	283
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	284
—	—	7½	4,821	300 00	2,746 32	333 80	1,087 25	285
—	4	5	8,074	75 00	304 84	198 79	92 00	286
—	—	67	134,411	2,700 00	34,885 45	3,591 11	20,475 72	287
—	—	5	2,600	70 50	202 05	34 50	62 00	288
—	—	6	6,007	873 21	491 54	189 00	—	289
1	27	66	90,149	7,500 00	—	—	—	290
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	291
—	—	8	2,585	500 00	525 45	164 40	250 00	292
—	2	6	3,865	275 00	275 00	143 21	79 20	293
—	—	3	1,741	15 00	15 00	—	12 00	294
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	295
—	—	21	16,521	1,200 00	1,527 88	357 31	698 86	296
10	122	72	512,221	47,344 43	48,802 55	12,020 25	24,912 34	297
—	—	19½	21,139	450 00	3,054 99	604 47	2,811 37	298
—	3	5	4,950	584 31	599 71	120 55	204 20	299
—	—	26	52,768	7,188 58	7,188 58	1,751 76	4,016 33	300
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	301
—	1	45	29,252	7,580 00	7,580 00	1,337 13	4,699 98	302
—	4	12	2,161	125 00	285 00	103 81	160 00	303
1	4	5	—	250 00	435 88	339 76	71 65	304
—	—	36	56,765	5,216 92	5,216 92	1,391 98	2,111 50	305
—	—	18	16,015	2,650 00	2,940 29	620 89	1,110 00	306
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	307
—	—	6	1,966	75 00	139 30	69 63	75 00	308
—	—	7½	8,759	667 42	699 68	251 66	175 00	309
—	—	7	5,061	300 00	403 45	168 98	191 00	310
1	—	5	9,161	700 00	700 00	408 55	245 00	311
—	—	13	7,398	446 64	546 12	131 73	223 00	312
3	56	72	170,329	32,838 00	36,672 32	6,833 88	20,507 18	313
—	—	10	15,571	860 00	860 00	433 65	272 25	314
—	—	2	310	—	25 00	—	48 00	315

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LIBRARY.		Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuatn.
316	Sandwich: Weston Mem. L. 2, 3 (63)	Mrs. Elizabeth Burbank	1,479	\$2,517,775
317	Saugus F. P. L. 3	Mrs. Laura H. Taylor	12,743	13,166,755
318	Savoy F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Eva Sherman	399	251,145
319	*Scituate: Allen Mem. L.	Edith A. Manson	2,713	12,376,773
320	No. Scituate: Pierce Mem. L. 2	Mrs. George E. Knowles	—	—
321	Seekonk P. L.	Helen S. Barquist	4,191	4,528,946
322	Sharon P. L. 3 (127)	Mrs. Edith Hodsdon	3,119	6,135,701
323	Sheffield F. Town L. 1, 3 (6)	Nellie M. Nelson	1,614	1,453,234
324	Shelburne P. L. (Shelburne Falls) 1	Harriet Davis	1,538	2,655,107
325	Shelburne Falls: Arms L. 3 (50)	Mrs. S. A. Field	—	—
326	Sherborn Town L.	Mrs. Francis Bardwell	929	1,734,637
327	Shirley P. L. 3 (31)	Grace M. Kilburn	2,394	2,093,211
328	Shrewsbury F. P. L. 3 (321)	Mabel E. Knowlton	5,819	7,385,568
329	Shutesbury: M. M. Spear Mem. L. 1	Mrs. N. E. Crossman	208	468,629
330	Somerset F. P. L. 2	Flora B. Wood	4,818	10,437,737
331	SOMERVILLE P. L. 2, 3 (16)	George H. Evans	99,032	116,406,900
332	So. Hadley: Gaylord Mem. L. 2, 3 (6)	Gertrude E. Gaylord	6,609	7,280,801
333	So. Hadley Falls F. P. L. 2, 3 (87)	Lottie I. Judd	—	—
334	Southampton P. L. 1, 2	Mrs. E. L. Clark	916	871,843
335	Southborough: Fay L. 3	Sarah V. Stivers	2,053	3,244,773
336	Southbridge: Jacob Edwards L. 2, 3	Ella E. Miersch	15,489	12,450,885
337	Southwick P. L. 1, 3 (62)	Mrs. Musetta Phelps	1,267	1,843,030
338	Spencer: Richard Sugden P. L. 2	Mrs. Dora N. Hodgeon	6,523	4,471,258
339	SPRINGFIELD: City Library Assoc. 2, 3	Hiller C. Wellman	142,065	314,151,780
340	Sterling: Conant F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Fannie D. Lent	1,516	1,687,150
341	Stockbridge L. Assoc. 1, 2, 3 (269)	Olga M. Wilcox	1,830	5,492,182
342	Stoneham P. L. 2	Martha A. Jackson	9,084	11,835,050
343	Stoughton P. L. 3 (1160)	Alice G. Leary	7,857	8,399,175
344	Stow: Randall Mem. L. 3 (63)	Eleanor L. Smith	1,185	1,615,225
345	Sturbridge: Joshua Hyde P. L. 1	Susan L. Haynes	1,845	1,240,625
346	Sudbury: Goodnow P. L. (So. Sudbury)	Mrs. Mabel Gohlke	1,394	2,064,065
347	Sunderland P. L. 1	Mrs. Mary Pomeroy	1,290	1,194,798
348	Sutton F. P. L. (RFD Millbury) 1, 3 (75)	Mrs. E. F. Freeland	2,174	1,898,943
349	Swampscott P. L.	Lucy Eveleth	8,953	22,294,782
350	Swansea F. P. L. 1	Ruth B. Eddy	3,250	4,193,580
351	Taunton P. L. 2	Joshua E. Crane	39,255	41,380,020
352	Templeton: Boynton P. L. 2, 3	Grace E. Blodgett	4,368	2,889,813
353	Tewksbury P. L.	Abbie M. Blaisdell	4,985	3,147,719
354	Tisbury: (Vineyard Haven) P. L. 1	Bessie H. Stanton	1,431	5,867,250
355	*Tolland F. P. L. 1, 3	—	150	295,118
356	Topsfield Town L. 3 (62)	Mrs. George F. Dow	915	2,926,407
357	Townsend P. L.	Mrs. Evelyn Warren	1,895	2,076,209
358	Truro: Cobb Mem. L. 1, 2	Mrs. Sarah V. Yates	504	1,125,542
359	Tyngsborough: Littlefield L. 1	Jennie J. Bancroft	1,107	1,232,015
360	Tyringham F. P. L. 1	Mrs. Eloise Myers	280	392,023
361	Upton Town L. 3 (13)	Helen A. Fay	1,988	1,342,651
362	Uxbridge F. P. L. 2, 3 (262)	Mrs. Beatrice Sprague	6,172	7,338,335
363	Wakefield: Lucius Beebe Mem. L. 1, 2, 3 (133)	Helen F. Carleton	15,611	21,928,070
364	Wales F. P. L. 1, 3 (12)	Mrs. Anna B. Thompson	434	418,086
365	Walpole P. L. 1, 2, 3 (324)	Dorothy Annable	6,508	13,117,116
366	WALTHAM P. L. 2, 3 (20)	Leslie T. Little	34,746	55,184,450
367	Ware: Young Men's L. Assoc. 3 (48)	Mary L. Smith	8,629	7,523,715
368	Wareham F. L.	Mrs. Mae C. Miller	5,594	11,246,955
369	Warren P. L. 2, 3	Ada L. Wetherbee	3,950	4,149,961
370	West Warren L. Assoc.	Rose T. Faneuf	—	—
371	Warwick F. L. 1, 3 (11)	Mrs. Mary C. Cole	364	435,886
372	Washington F. L. 1	Maude B. Smith	231	205,930
373	Watertown F. P. L. 2	Lydia W. Masters	25,480	47,024,409
374	Wayland F. P. L. 1, 3 (45)	Margaret Wheeler	2,255	5,145,911
375	Webster: Chester C. Corbin P. L. 3 (2)	Mrs. P. P. Kingsbury	13,389	12,260,111
376	Wellesley F. P. L. 2, 3 (235)	Kathleen A. Kennedy	9,049	31,105,875
377	*Wellfleet P. L. 1	Mrs. Kate A. Brown	786	1,389,368
378	Wendell F. L. (Wendell Depot) 1, 3 (2)	Marion E. Whitney	397	776,407
379	Wenham P. L.	Margaret B. Batchelder	1,145	3,234,770
380	W. Boylston: Beaman Mem. L. 1, 3 (159)	Annie M. Waite	1,916	1,808,707



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—	—	15½	14,097	\$50 00	\$4,522 09	\$559 89	\$1,248 36	316
4	—	32	55,950	5,037 00	5,131 56	2,040 43	2,155 92	317
2	—	—	630	86 49	86 49	66 49	20 00	318
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	319
—	—	11	—	783 45	1,275 62	234 22	287 01	320
1	—	3	8,079	500 00	500 00	299 37	129 00	321
—	—	18	19,733	2,503 16	2,780 76	692 60	1,317 17	322
—	—	2	3,828	300 00	368 92	224 86	73 25	323
—	—	6	4,478	400 00	586 73	409 99	92 50	324
—	—	15	28,393	1,400 00	2,234 05	840 07	705 22	325
—	—	16	7,490	1,824 36	1,824 36	400 00	1,000 00	326
—	—	9	9,088	1,354 85	1,377 07	694 92	491 00	327
—	5	30	28,130	3,926 41	6,038 26	1,108 76	2,971 48	328
1	—	1	1,171	87 91	87 91	58 10	20 00	329
1	—	9	8,338	1,155 93	1,961 68	422 39	347 10	330
3	244	72	543,559	63,109 20	68,025 70	16,689 40	45,840 97	331
—	10	16½	17,561	1,100 00	2,380 32	605 87	999 08	332
0	1	24	18,215	2,200 00	2,460 51	765 25	1,180 00	333
—	—	6½	6,949	436 19	579 16	216 13	179 00	334
2	—	17	10,760	1,900 00	1,960 00	455 64	982 20	335
—	—	56	81,674	8,000 00	11,270 27	2,726 40	6,056 38	336
—	—	8½	7,020	375 00	525 98	226 70	225 00	337
—	5	30	34,620	none	6,507 80	339 00	1,030 00	338
3	552	74	1,514,151	**177,660 00	**207,871 27	31,079 02	115,671 73	339
—	—	10	9,690	469 83	840 51	291 63	246 75	340
2	—	51	21,433	2,500 00	3,933 20	706 24	2,131 01	341
—	—	42	49,188	6,000 00	6,000 00	1,378 68	3,027 78	342
1	—	22	61,415	4,475 00	5,924 43	1,729 43	3,046 00	343
—	—	9½	6,643	none	538 34	38 00	194 30	344
—	—	7	12,125	425 00	890 62	320 28	381 09	345
1	—	12	6,853	300 00	1,200 00	425 68	581 00	346
—	5	7	13,502	610 42	1,003 97	391 18	313 62	347
4	6	6	9,762	666 18	713 49	502 10	147 00	348
—	—	42	50,743	6,000 00	6,434 18	1,030 50	2,970 52	349
—	—	6½	8,583	900 00	1,091 25	358 68	457 20	350
3	3	72	133,836	19,000 00	21,022 68	6,728 18	11,089 67	351
3	—	7½	35,819	2,239 09	3,008 89	1,076 21	1,039 39	352
4	—	8½	17,968	1,380 89	1,380 89	891 99	443 00	353
—	—	10	13,233	800 00	800 00	194 69	375 00	354
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	355
—	—	5½	6,314	none	617 97	241 82	160 00	356
—	1	8	13,924	1,214 30	1,357 26	594 81	506 00	357
—	2	6	4,176	560 00	560 00	—	362 50	358
—	—	5	8,066	543 21	1,235 82	342 80	319 50	359
—	—	4	1,473	175 00	239 05	110 78	61 95	360
1	—	8	14,091	740 00	965 00	421 48	355 55	361
1	5	37	30,487	3,368 24	4,609 64	756 75	2,264 75	362
1	12	70	159,417	22,095 80	24,777 70	7,790 30	10,962 00	363
—	—	4	2,705	254 52	259 52	78 33	104 20	364
1	27	36	57,450	7,000 00	7,050 00	2,560 99	3,190 31	365
2	102	72	287,471	35,100 00	2,784 09	8,080 63	22,437 24	366
—	1	32	48,172	2,044 80	6,533 77	1,902 06	3,129 13	367
—	—	18	19,752	2,000 00	3,622 23	807 78	981 99	368
—	—	36	10,375	1,557 01	2,459 49	435 59	1,220 22	369
—	—	19½	7,359	750 00	798 11	424 46	336 00	370
—	—	10	4,079	370 00	637 01	203 64	246 20	371
—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	372
2	52	75½	235,473	28,150 00	28,937 80	6,302 69	16,499 52	373
1	4	18	29,047	4,169 00	5,386 00	1,640 00	2,642 00	374
—	3	42	65,438	7,000 00	9,075 48	1,332 06	5,144 81	375
3	3	72	97,038	12,991 11	14,896 14	2,471 85	8,930 49	376
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	377
—	—	3	2,137	186 50	202 91	53 68	55 30	378
—	—	10	15,233	1,500 00	1,500 00	825 31	585 16	379
1	1	26	13,927	2,605 06	2,683 15	376 22	1,298 55	380

\*\* Inclusive of museums

## STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	LIBRARY.	Librarian.	Population 1925.	Valuation.
381	W. Bridgewater P. L. 3 (48)	Charlotte L. Williams	3,121	\$3,147,100
382	W. Brookfield: Merriam P. L. 1	Helen P. Shackley	1,314	1,359,988
383	W. Newbury P. L. 1, 3 (17)	Mrs. Sarah O. Bailey	1,337	1,168,902
384	W. Springfield P. L. 2, 3 (907)	Marion Bowler	15,326	26,944,835
385	*W. Stockbridge P. L. 1	Mrs. Susan W. Blake	1,212	1,188,804
386	W. Tisbury F. P. L. 1, 3 (8)	Mrs. Emma Whiting	332	722,994
387	Westborough P. L. 3	Mrs. Abbie F. Judd	6,348	4,332,055
388	WESTFIELD Athenaeum 1, 2, 3 (47)	Harold T. Dougherty	19,342	21,133,420
389	Westford: J. U. Fletcher L. 3	May E. Day	3,571	4,264,009
390	Westhampton: Reunion T. L. (RFD North- ampton) 1	Charles R. Burt	337	342,345
391	Westminster: Forbush Mem. L. 2	Sarah F. Greene	1,884	1,410,008
392	Weston P. L. 1, 3 (14)	Maude M. Pennock	2,906	8,210,168
393	Westport P. L. 1, 3 (12)	Emily F. Sisson	4,207	6,310,600
394	Westport F. P. L. (Central Village) 1	Mrs. A. R. Howland	—	—
395	Westport Point Mem. L. 1, 2	Katharine S. Hall	—	—
396	Westwood P. L.	Annie L. Richardson	1,706	4,138,872
397	Weymouth: Tufts L. 2, 3	Abbie L. Loud	17,253	37,202,036
398	So. Weymouth: Fogg L.	Mary A. Fogg	—	—
399	*Whately P. L. 1, 3	Arlene I. Roote	1,229	1,124,177
400	Whitman P. L. 1, 2	Grace W. Holbrook	7,857	8,296,520
401	Wilbraham F. P. L. (No. Wilbraham)	Mrs. J. T. Abbott	2,833	3,249,499
402	Williamsburg: Meekins Mem. L. 1	Mrs. Lizzie Bisbee	1,993	1,330,000
403	Haydenville P. L. 1	Maude E. Warner	—	—
404	Williamstown P. L.	Grace Sutherland	4,006	7,329,047
405	So. Williamstown P. L. 1	Mrs. Carl R. Lamb	—	—
406	Wilmington P. L.	Anna T. Sheldon	3,515	3,763,786
407	Winchendon: Beals Mem. L. 1, 2, 3	Anna G. Rockwell	6,173	5,793,995
408	Winchester P. L.	Cora A. Quimby	11,565	29,692,275
409	Windsor F. P. L. 1	Mrs. W. C. Goodell	388	432,437
410	Winthrop P. L. 2, 3 (36)	Dorothy L. Kinney	16,158	28,085,600
411	WOBURN P. L. 2	William D. Goddard	18,370	19,776,814
412	No. W.: Eunice Thompson Mem. L.	Dorothea Blue	—	—
413	WORCESTER F. P. L.	Robert K. Shaw	190,757	339,552,850
414	Worthington: F. S. Huntington L. 1, 3 (15)	Arthur G. Capen	429	538,024
415	Wrentham: Fiske P. L.	Ernest A. Hall	3,214	3,218,064
416	Yarmouth L. Assoc. (Yarmouth Port) 1	Mrs. L. C. Matthews	1,532	4,033,475
417	So. Yarmouth F. Social L. 3	Mrs. George B. Sears	—	—
418	West Yarmouth L. 1, 3 (41)	Mrs. P. H. Baker	—	—



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1	6	13	15,012	\$905 20	\$1,856 92	\$845 78	\$694 93	381
—	—	28	20,356	1,282 96	1,998 68	541 04	840 00	382
1	—	9	8,996	632 34	163 38	459 58	—	383
4	31	54	14,595	10,119 00	10,413 42	2,908 02	5,726 83	384
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	385
—	1	5	1,800	60 20	160 68	59 75	33 25	386
—	—	33	38,489	2,222 40	5,361 15	897 61	2,105 57	387
—	16	76	154,059	19,914 58	24,022 78	3,788 96	11,134 19	388
—	7	18	18,396	2,996 97	3,083 32	676 82	1,435 85	389
—	3	3	1,544	112 29	141 74	107 00	50 00	390
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	3	13	16,176	1,428 68	1,730 55	369 68	774 96	391
—	—	35	23,919	6,905 25	9,219 14	2,984 30	3,720 00	392
—	—	3	—	200 00	469 43	125 10	50 00	393
1	3	3	3,675	300 00	300 00	206 83	41 35	394
—	2	—	—	200 00	200 00	200 00	none	395
1	—	5½	11,946	1,050 00	1,360 00	446 08	300 85	396
2	6	34	114,933	14,700 00	16,046 72	5,292 66	5,873 60	397
—	—	25	27,934	1,200 00	3,111 33	871 13	1,015 00	398
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	399
—	—	30	61,527	3,600 00	3,600 00	1,151 38	1,950 40	400
1	9	18	11,750	1,323 66	1,528 89	256 91	232 00	401
—	—	16	8,029	none	1,735 00	260 50	780 40	402
—	—	2	3,048	400 00	400 00	151 41	65 00	403
1	—	23	25,088	2,695 84	3,195 84	1,013 62	1,178 40	404
—	—	4	2,025	400 00	400 00	177 00	100 00	405
—	—	12	10,367	800 00	898 23	286 09	349 00	406
—	—	33	31,389	4,398 20	4,523 20	1,378 41	1,885 00	407
—	—	39	54,426	7,200 00	7,521 00	2,505 04	3,427 51	408
4	—	1	1,380	50 00	50 00	12 94	10 00	409
—	4	45	75,356	8,335 00	8,335 00	2,523 13	4,001 08	410
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	10	61	129,207	14,475 00	18,597 36	2,997 08	10,871 21	411
—	—	15	10,376	none	1,850 00	291 37	539 37	412
3	379	89	930,729	157,730 21	169,191 58	25,567 70	107,499 50	413
—	6	8	2,362	156 02	568 66	107 96	80 00	414
—	—	10½	10,118	1,400 00	1,629 25	369 70	545 00	415
—	—	12	11,181	76 60	1,108 17	317 10	225 00	416
—	—	4	2,175	75 60	410 64	117 66	101 50	417
—	—	2	2,072	75 60	183 78	70 00	50 00	418

